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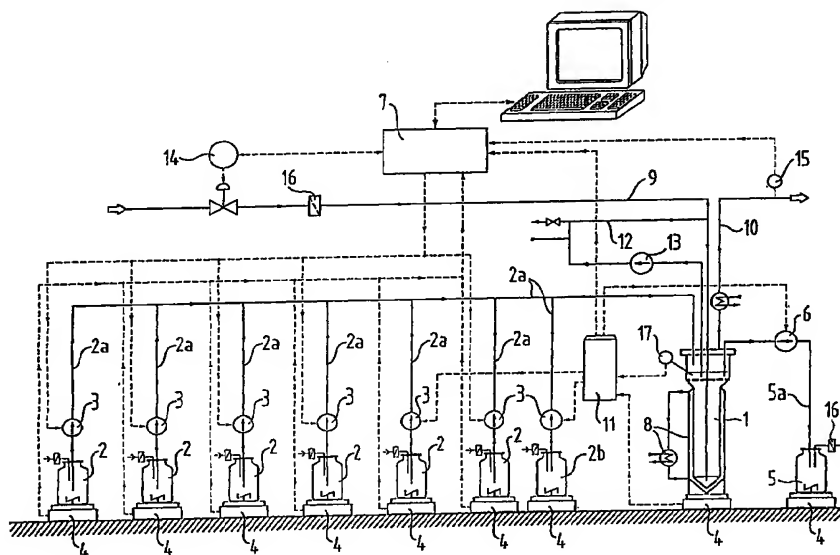
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(54) Continuous fermentation process

(57) The invention is concerned with a continuous process for the manufacture of proteins by means of protein-producing microorganism in which process the microorganism is optionally immobilized on a solid carrier and/or the nutrients and other agents required for the growth of the microorganism and the optimal pro-

duction of protein are fed into the reactor individually at a constant dilution rate. Furthermore, the invention is concerned with a process for the manufacture of proteins using a fermentation assembly.

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Description

[0001] The present invention relates to a continuous process for the manufacture of proteins.

[0002] In accordance with the present invention it has been found that splitting of cultivation media used in a continuous fermentation process allows to study the influence on growth and metabolite-production of microorganisms and thus to determine optimal conditions for the fermentation process. A continuously delivered fermentation medium can generally be split into as many fractions as it contains ingredients. Examples of such ingredients are carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and sulfur sources as well as vitamins and complex substrates such as corn steep, yeast extract and other natural products. Furthermore, every required mineral, micro- or trace element can be provided separately as a solution of a water-soluble salt, such as a chloride, sulfate or nitrate. In this manner a fermentation medium of any desired composition can be obtained, provided that the desired amounts of the ingredients are (water)-soluble and no disturbing interactions (e.g., precipitation, reaction) occur in the individual feed solutions or in the fermentation medium.

[0003] In one aspect, the present invention is concerned with a continuous process for the manufacture of proteins by means of protein-producing microorganism.

[0004] More particularly, the invention is concerned with a continuous process for the manufacture of proteins by means of protein-producing microorganism in which process the microorganism is optionally immobilized on a solid carrier and/or the nutrients and other agents required for the growth of the microorganism and the optimal production of protein are fed into the reactor individually at a constant dilution rate.

[0005] In a preferred aspect, the invention is concerned with a process for the manufacture of proteins using a fermentation assembly that comprises

a vessel suitable for carrying out reactions involving living or inactivated cells;

at least two storage flasks connected to said vessel for supply of liquids and means to transport said liquids from said storage flasks to said vessel;

individual appliances monitoring the supply of the contents of said storage flasks to said vessel;

a harvest flask connected to said vessel and means to transport fermentation broth from said vessel to said harvest flask; and

a device for controlling and maintaining a constant dilution rate in said vessel with varying rates of individual supply of liquid from said storage flasks to said vessel.

[0006] Any conventional fermentation vessel can be used for the purpose of this invention. The vessel may be made of materials such as stainless steel, glass or ceramics and may have a volume of from e.g., 100 ml to 2500 m³ although these figures are not critical to the invention. For continuous operation the inside of the vessel is optionally equipped with, e.g., a receptacle or sieve plate for uptake of immobilized cells. Further, the fermentation vessel is connected to a series of storage flasks that contain nutrient solutions and solutions for maintaining and controlling a desired pH and other parameters, such as foam formation, redox potential etc. in the fermentation broth. Depending on the particular needs of the fermentation, there may be separate storage flasks for individual supply of substrates that serve as carbon or nitrogen or mineral source for the living cells.

[0007] It has been found in accordance with the invention that the process is advantageously carried out at a constant dilution rate in the fermentation vessel. As used herein, the term "dilution rate" denotes the total volume of liquids supplied to the fermentation vessel per volume of the fermentation vessel per hour [h⁻¹].

[0008] Accordingly, it is a particular feature of the present invention to carry out the fermentation process at a constant dilution rate in the fermentation vessel while varying the supply of individual nutrient components or other additives during the fermentation process. To facilitate this task a storage flask containing an inert component, e.g., water is optionally provided that allows to complement the supply of liquids thus keeping the total supply of liquid constant.

[0009] The assembly that is preferably used to carry out the process of this invention further comprises means to transport the individual components of the fermentation medium from the storage flasks to the fermentation vessel, and appliances for monitoring the amount of liquid supplied to the fermentation vessel. Every combination of measuring instruments (e.g., volumetric or mass flow rate by either gravimetric, anemometric, magnetic, ultrasonic, Venturi, J, cross-relation, thermal, Coriolis, radiometric) and transfer units (e.g., pumps or pressure difference) can be used for this purpose. Additionally, every transfer unit can be applied as a dosing unit (e.g., gear, peristaltic, piston, membrane or excenter pump). For operation on small scale the supply is suitably monitored by weighing the storage flasks that contain nutrient or additive solutions in a predetermined concentration.

[0010] The device for controlling and maintaining a constant dilution rate in the fermentation vessel is suitably a sys-

tem comprising a measuring instrument that monitors the flow from the storage flasks and a controlling unit, e.g., a computer-software control that calculates the actual mass flow rates, compares them to the desired value and adjusts the pump setting accordingly. An appropriate system is, e.g., the Process Automation System, National Instruments, Bridge View, USA, for Windows NT 4.0 (represented by National Instruments, Sonnenbergstrasse 53, 5408 Ennetbaden, Switzerland) that is connected to the various operating units (scales, pumps) through a serial-interface box (Rocket Port, Control Europe Ltd, Great Britain, represented by Technosoftware AG Rothackerstrasse 13, 5702 Nied-
 5 erlenz, Switzerland).

[0011] An assembly that can be used in the process of this invention is depicted in Figure 1.

[0012] The fermentation vessel 1 (Fermentor) is equipped with inlet tubes 2a from storage flasks 2 (suitably
 10 equipped with a stirrer) for supply of salt solution (Salts), nutrient solution (Nutrients), particular substrates (Substrate 1 and Substrate 2) for supply of, e.g., distinct carbon sources, agent for controlling the pH (Base), water for controlling a constant dilution rate, and antifoam. Pumps 3 transport liquids from the storage flasks 2 to the fermentor 1. Scales 4 monitor the amount of liquids supplied to and discharged from the fermentor. Further, the fermentor has inlet tubes 9 for oxygen supply and outlet tubes 10 for exhaust controlled by untits 14 and 15. Pump 6 discharges fermentation broth
 15 via outlet tubes 5a to a harvest flask 5. A main controlling unit 7 monitors and steers the overall process. Controlling unit 11 monitors and steers individual control systems 17 for temperature, pH, gas pressure, fermentor content and supply of antifoam agents. Circuit 12 including pump 13 is used for taking samples from the fermentation broth and for providing a controlled gas flow for moving the fermentation broth. Inlet and outlet gas flow is controlled by flow control 14 and 15. Sterile filters 16 are provided optionally. Optionally, the fermentation vessel 1 is equipped with a thermostating unit
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[0013] In the process of the present invention, any protein-producing microorganism either natural, e.g. fungal origin or bacterial origin or microorganisms which have been transformed by protein encoding DNA whereby such transformed microorganisms can be bacteria or fungi or yeasts, preferably from the genus *Peniophora*, *Aspergillus*,
 25 *Hansenula* or *Pichia*, especially *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus awanari*, *Aspergillus sojae*, *Aspergillus oryzae* or *Hansenula polymorpha* or *Pichia pastoris*.

[0014] In this context, the skilled person in the art selects such a protein-producing microorganism which is known to be useful for the production of a desired protein.

[0015] In a preferred embodiment of the present invention the protein is selected from the group consisting of proteins having the activity of an enzyme such as catalase, lactase, phenoloxidase, oxidase, oxidoreductase, glucanase
 30 cellulase, xylanase and other polysaccharide, peroxidase, lipase, hydrolase, esterase, cutinase, protease and other proteolytic enzymes, aminopeptidase, carboxypeptidase, phytase, lyase, pectinase and other pectinolytic enzymes, amylase, glucosidase, mannosidase, isomerase, invertase, transferase, ribonuclease, chitinase, and desoxyribonuclease. Furthermore, in a preferred embodiment of the present invention the protein is selected from the group of therapeutic proteins such as antibodies, vaccines, antigens, or of antibacterial and/or health-beneficial proteins such as
 35 lactoternin, lactoperoxidase or lysozyme.

[0016] It will be understood by those skilled in the art that the term "activity" includes not only native activities referring to naturally occurring enzymes or therapeutic functions, but also those activities or functions which have been modified by amino acid substitutions, deletions, additions, or other modifications which may be made to enhance or modify the desired activity, or the thermostability, pH tolerance and/or further properties.

[0017] In a most preferred embodiment of the invention the selected protein is a protein having the activity of a phytase.
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[0018] Examples of proteins having the activity of a phytase are described in EP 684 313, EP 897 010, EP 897 985 or in Examples 6 to 16 and Figures 2 - 22 of the present invention.

45 Figure 2: Design of the consensus phytase sequence. The letters represent the amino acid residues in the one-letter code. The following sequences were used for the alignment: *phyA* from *Aspergillus terreus* 9A-1 (Mitchell et al, 1997; from amino acid (aa) 27), *phyA* from *A. terreus* cbs116.46; (van Loon et al., 1998; from aa 27), *phyA* from *Aspergillus niger* var. *awamori* (Piddington et al, 1993; from aa 27), *phyA* from *A. niger* T213; Mitchell et al. 1997 from aa 27), *phyA* from *A. niger* strain NRRL3135 (van Hartingsveldt et al, 1993; from aa 27), *phyA* from *Aspergillus fumigatus* ATCC 13073 (Pasamontes et al, 1997; from aa 25), *phyA* from *A. fumigatus* ATCC 32722 (EP 897 985; Figur 1; from aa 27), *phyA* from *A. fumigatus* ATCC 58128 (EP 897 985; Figur 1; from aa 27), *phyA* from *A. fumigatus* ATCC 26906 (EP 897 985; Figur 1; from aa 27), *phyA* from *A. fumigatus* ATCC 32239 (EP 897 985; Figur 1; from aa 30), *phyA* from *Emmericella nidulans* (Pasamontes et al, 1997a; from aa 25), *phyA* from *Talaromyces thermophilus* (Pasamontes et al, 1997a; from aa 24), and *phyA* from *Myceliophthora thermophila* (Mitchell et al, 1997; from aa 19). The alignment was calculated using the program PILEUP. The location of the gaps was refined by hand. Capitalized amino acid residues in the alignment at a given position belong to the amino acid coalition that establish the consensus residue. In bold, beneath the calculated consensus sequence, the amino acid sequence of the finally constructed consensus phytase (Fcp) is shown. The gaps in the calculated consensus
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sequence were filled by hand according to principals stated in Example 6.

Figure 3: DNA sequence of the consensus phytase-1 gene (*fc*p) and of the primers used for the gene construction. The calculated amino acid sequence (Figure 2) was converted into a DNA sequence using the program BACK-TRANSLATE (Devereux *et al.*, 1984) and the codon frequency table of highly expressed yeast genes (GCG program package, 9.0). The signal peptide of the phytase from *A. terreus* cbs.116.46 was fused to the *N*-terminus. The bold bases represent the sequences of the oligonucleotides used to generate the gene. The names of the respective oligonucleotides are alternately noted above or below the sequence. The underlined bases represent the start and stop codon of the gene. The bases written in italics show the two introduced *Eco* RI sites.

Figure 4: Alignment and consensus sequence of five *Basidiomycetes* phytases. The letters represent the amino acid residues in the one-letter code. The amino acid sequences of the phytases from *Paxillus involutus*, phyA1 (aa 21) and phyA2 (aa 21, WO 98/28409), *Trametes pubescens* (aa 24, WO 98/28409), *Agrocybe pediades* (aa 19, WO 98/28409), and *Peniophora lycii* (aa 21, WO 98/28409) starting with the amino acid residues mentioned in parentheses, were used for the alignment and the calculation of the corresponding consensus sequence called "Basidio" (Example 7). The alignment was performed by the program PILEUP. The location of the gaps was refined by hand. The consensus sequence was calculated by the program PRETTY. While a vote weight of 0.5 was assigned to the two *P. involutus* phytases, all other genes were used with a vote weight of 1.0 for the consensus sequence calculation. At positions, where the program was not able to determine a consensus residue, the Basidio sequence contains a dash. Capitalized amino acid residues in the alignment at a given position belong to the amino acid coalition that establish the consensus residue.

Figure 5: Design of consensus phytase-10 amino acid sequence. Adding the phytase sequence of *Thermomyces lanuginosus* (Berka *et al.*, 1998) and the consensus sequence of the phytases from five *Basidiomycetes* to the alignment of Figure 2, an improved consensus sequence was calculated by the program PRETTY. Additionally, the amino acid sequence of *A. niger* T213 was omitted; therefore, a vote weight of 0.5 was used for the remaining *A. niger* phytase sequences. For further information see Example 8.

Figure 6: DNA and amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-10. The amino acid sequence is written above the corresponding DNA sequences using the one-letter code. The sequence of the oligonucleotides which were used to assemble the gene are in bold letters. The labels of oligonucleotides and the amino acids which were changed compared to those for consensus phytase -1 are underlined. The *fc*p10 gene was assembled from the following oligonucleotides: CP-1, CP-2, CP-3.10, CP-4.10, CP-5.10, CP-6, CP-7.10, CP-8.10, CP-9.10, CP-10.10, CP-11.10, CP-12.10, CP-13.10, CP-14.10, CP-15.10, CP-16.10, CP-17.10, CP18.10, CP-19.10, CP-20.10, CP-21.10, CP-22.10. The newly synthesized oligonucleotides are additionally marked by number 10. The phytase contains the following 32 exchanges relative to consensus phytase -1: Y54F, E58A, D69K, D70G, A94K, N134Q, I158V, S187A, Q188N, D197N, S204A, T214L, D220E, L234V, A238P, D246H, T251N, Y259N, E267D, E277Q, A283D, R291I, A320V, R329H, S364T, I366V, A379K, S396A, G404A, Q415E, A437G, A463E. The mutations accentuated in bold letters revealed a stabilizing effect on consensus phytase-1 when tested as single mutations in consensus phytase-1.

Figure 7: Alignment for the design of consensus phytase-11. In contrast to the design of consensus phytase-10, for the design of the amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-11, all *Basidiomycete* phytases were used as independent sequences using an assigned vote weight of 0.2 for each *Basidiomycete* sequence. Additionally, the amino acid sequence of *A. niger* T213 phytase was used in that alignment, again.

Figure 8: DNA and amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T-K91A. The amino acid sequence is written above the corresponding DNA sequence using the one-letter code. The replaced amino acid residues are underlined. The stop codon of the gene is marked by a star (*).

Figure 9: DNA and amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A. The amino acid sequence is written above the corresponding DNA sequence using the one-letter code. The replaced amino acid residues are underlined. The stop codon of the gene is marked by a star (*).

Figure 10: DNA and amino acid sequence of *A. fumigatus* ATCC 13073 phytase α -mutant. The amino acid sequence is written above the corresponding DNA sequence using the one-letter code. The replaced amino acid residues are underlined. The stop codon of the gene is marked by a star (*).

Figure 11: DNA and amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-7. The amino acids are written above the corresponding DNA sequence using the one-letter code. The sequences of the oligonucleotides used to assemble the gene are in bold letters. Oligonucleotides and amino acids that were exchanged are underlined and their corresponding triplets are highlighted in small cases. The *fcy7* gene was assembled from the following oligonucleotides: CP-1, CP-2, CP-3, CP-4.7, CP-5.7, CP-6, CP-7, CP-8.7, CP-9, CP-10.7, CP-11.7, CP-12.7, CP-13.7, CP-14.7, CP-15.7, CP-16, CP-17.7, CP-18.7, CP-19.7, CP-20, CP-21, CP-22. The newly synthesized oligonucleotides are additionally marked by number 7. The phytase contains the following 24 exchanges in comparison to the original consensus phytase -1: S89D, S92G, A94K, D164S, P201S, G203A, G205S, H212P, G224A, D226T, E255T, D256E, V258T, P265S, Q292H, G300K, Y305H, A314T, S364G, M365I, A397S, S398A, G404A, and A405S.

Figure 12: Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) of consensus phytase-1 and consensus phytase-10. The protein samples were concentrated to ca. 50-60 mg/ml and extensively dialyzed against 10 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.0. A constant heating rate of 10 °C/min was applied up to 95 °C. DSC of consensus phytase-10 (upper graph) yielded a melting temperature of 85.4 °C, which is 7.3 °C higher than the melting point of consensus phytase-1 (78.1 °C, lower graph).

Figure 13: Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) of consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T and consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A. The protein samples were concentrated to ca. 50-60 mg/ml and extensively dialyzed against 10 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.0. A constant heating rate of 10 °C/min was applied up to 95 °C. DSC of consensus phytase-10-thermo-[3]-Q50T (upper graph) yielded a melting temperature of 88.6 °C, while the melting point of consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A was found at 89.3 °C.

Figure 14: Comparison of the temperature optimum between consensus phytase-1, consensus phytase-10 and consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T. For the determination of the temperature optimum, the phytase standard assay was performed at a series of temperatures between 37 and 86 °C. The diluted supernatant of transformed *S. cerevisiae* strains was used for the determination. The other components of the supernatant showed no influence on the determination of the temperature optimum: Δ, consensus phytase-1; ◇, consensus phytase-10; ■, consensus phytase 10-thermo[3]-Q50T.

Figure 15: pH-dependent activity profile and substrate specificity of consensus phytase-10 and its variants thermo[3]-Q50T and thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A. Graph a) shows the pH-dependent activity profile of consensus phytase-10 (□), consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T (Δ), and consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A (Δ). The phytase activity was determined using the standard assay in appropriate buffers (see Example 15) at different pH-values. Graph b) shows the corresponding substrate specificity tested by replacement of phytate by the indicated compounds in the standard assay; open bars, consensus phytase-10 (white bars, consensus phytase-10-thermo-Q50T; dark bars, consensus phytase-10-thermo-Q50T-K91A). The numbers correspond to the following compounds: 1, phytate; 2, *p*-nitrophenyl phosphate; 3, phenyl phosphate; 4, fructose-1,6-bisphosphate; 5, fructose-6-phosphate; 6, glucose-6-phosphate; 7, ribose-5-phosphate; 8, DL-glycerol-3-phosphate; 9, glycerol-2-phosphate; 10, 3-phosphoglycerate; 11, phosphoenolpyruvate; 12, AMP; 13, ADP; 14, ATP.

Figure 16: pH-dependent activity profile and substrate specificity of consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T and of consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T-K91A. Graph a) shows the pH-dependent activity profile of the Q50T- (■) and the Q50T-K91A-variant (Δ). The phytase activity was determined using the standard assay in appropriate buffers (see Example 15) at different pH-values. Graph b) shows the corresponding substrate specificities tested by replacement of phytate by the indicated compounds in the standard assay (open bars, consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T; filled bars, consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T-K91A). The substrates are listed in the legend of Figure 15.

Figure 17: Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) of consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T and consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T-K91A. The protein samples were concentrated to ca. 50-60 mg/ml and extensively dialyzed against 10 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.0. A constant heating rate of 10 °C/min was applied up to 95 °C. DSC of consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T (upper graph) showed a melting temperature of 84.7 °C, while the melting point of consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T-K91A was found at 85.7 °C.

Figure 18: Comparison of the temperature optimum between consensus phytase-1, consensus phytase-1-thermo[3] and consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]. For the determination of the temperature optimum, the phytase standard assay was performed at a series of temperatures between 37 and 86 °C. Purified protein from the supernatant of transformed *S. cerevisiae* strains was used for the determination. O, consensus phytase-1; □, consensus

phytase-1-thermo [3]; Δ , consensus phytase-1-thermo[8].

Figure 19: Comparison of the pH-dependent activity profile and substrate specificity of consensus phytase-1, consensus phytase-7, and of the phytase from *A. niger* NRRL 3135.. Graph a) shows the pH-dependent activity profile of consensus phytase-1 (\blacksquare), the phytase from *A. niger* NRRL 3135 (O), and of consensus phytase-7 (Δ). The phytase activity was determined using the standard assay in appropriate buffers (see Example 15) at different pH-values. Graph b) shows the corresponding substrate specificity tested by replacement of phytate by the indicated compounds in the standard assay (black bars, *A. niger* NRRL 3135 phytase; grey bars, consensus phytase-1, dashed bars, consensus phytase-7). The substrates are listed in the legend of Figure 15.

Figure 20: Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) of the phytase from *A. fumigatus* ATCC 13073 and of its stabilized α -mutant, which contains the following amino acid exchanges: F55Y, V100I, F114Y, A243L, S265P, N294D.

The protein samples were concentrated to ca. 50-60 mg/ml and extensively dialyzed against 10 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.0. A constant heating rate of 10 °C/min was applied up to 95 °C. DSC of consensus *A. fumigatus* 13073 phytase (lower graph) revealed a melting temperature of 62.5 °C, while the melting point of the α -mutant was found at 67.0 °C

Figure 21: Comparison of the temperature optimum of *A. fumigatus* 13073 wild-type phytase, its α -mutant, and a further stabilized α -mutant (E59A-S126N-R329H-S364T-G404A). For the determination of the temperature optimum, the phytase standard assay was performed at a series of temperatures between 37 and 75 °C. The diluted supernatants of transformed *S. cerevisiae* strains were used for the determination. The other components of the supernatant showed no influence on the determination of the temperature optimum. O, *A. fumigatus* ATCC 13073 phytase; Δ , *A. fumigatus* ATCC 13073 α -mutant; \square , *A. fumigatus* ATCC 13073 alpha-mutant-(E59A-S126N-R329H-S364T-G404A)-Q27T; \blacksquare , *A. fumigatus* ATCC 13073 α -mutant-(E59A-S126N-R329H-S364T-G404A)-Q27T-K68A. The mutations Q51T and K92A in the *A. fumigatus* α -mutants correspond to -1 Q50T and K91A in consensus phytase, respectively.

Figure 22: Amino acid sequence of consensus phytase -12 (consphy12) which contains a number of active site residues transferred from the "basidio" consensus sequence to consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A.

[0019] The culture medium used in the fermentation process in accordance with the present invention usually contains nutrients for the cells or microorganisms such as digestible nitrogen sources and inorganic substances, vitamins, micro- and trace elements and other growth-promoting factors. In addition, the culture medium contains a carbon source. Various organic or inorganic substances may be used as nitrogen sources in the fermentation process in accordance with the present invention, such as nitrates, ammonium salts, yeast extract, meat extract, peptone, casein, cornsteep liquor, amino acids and urea. Typical inorganic substances that can be used in the fermentation are calcium, iron, zinc, nickel, manganese, cobalt, copper, molybdenum, and alkali salts such as chlorides, sulphates and phosphates as well as boric acid. As a carbon source, glycerol or sugar-like mono-, di-, oligo- or polysaccharides, e.g., glucose, fructose, sucrose, maltose, starch, glycogen, cellulose or substrates containing such substances, e.g., molasses, glucose syrups and fructose syrups can be used. The concentration of glucose and / or methanol in the total feed stream may vary from about 10 to about 500 g/l for each component and is preferably from about 200 to about 300 g/l. While the fermentation medium is principally an aqueous medium such medium may contain organic solvents such as alcohols, e.g. methanol, ethanol or isopropanol. Further, the fermentation medium may also be a dispersion or suspension, in which case the fermentation is suitably carried out with stirring.

[0020] For continuous operation, the cells are optionally immobilized on a solid porous carrier. Any solid porous carrier with any porosity, size and geometry conventionally used in fermentation processes and exerting no toxic effects on the particular cell or microorganism which is to be immobilized can be used for the purpose of this invention. Examples of such carriers are those made from inorganic material and having a pore diameter of from about 0.5 to about 100 μ m, preferably from about 10 to about 30 μ m diameter. Examples of inorganic materials are ceramics and natural minerals such as steatite, zeolite, bentonite, silicates (glasses), aluminum silicates, aluminum oxide, magnesium aluminum silicates and magnesium aluminum oxides. Such carriers are commercially available, e.g., from Ceramtec, Marktreidwitz, Germany, Schott Engineering GmbH, Mainz, Germany and others. Preferably, the carriers are spherical with a mean diameter of from about 0,2 to about 20 mm diameter. The carriers can be loaded with the living cells in a manner known per se by contacting the carrier particles with an appropriate cell culture. If desired, the carrier particles loaded with the cells can be further processed by applying a membrane-type coating layer, such as described in German Offenlegungsschrift DE 3421049. Suitably, the carrier is present in the fermentation vessel on a fixed bed. Further, the culture medium, its components and their containments, respectively are suitably sterilized prior to use if autosterilization (e.g., by methanol, ethanol, ammonia) cannot be guaranteed. Heat sterilization with steam (e.g., at 121°C and 1 bar pressure

during 20 minutes) and filtration (0.2 µm) for sensitive components are preferred. Alternative sterilization methods may be applied. Media components need not necessarily be sterilized when running the process in continuous mode.

[0021] Depending on the particular cell or organism used the fermentation may be carried out at a pH between about 2 and about 11. In a preferred aspect of the invention, the fermentation process for the manufacture of phytase is carried out using the microorganism, *Hansenula polymorpha* transformed by a phytase encoding DNA sequence as described in EP 897 010, EP 897 985, or Example 11 of the present case. According to that particular aspect of the invention, the preferred carbon source is a mixture of glucose and methanol. Further, in accordance with that particular aspect of the invention, the fermentation may be carried out at a pH between about 4 and 5, preferably at about pH 4.6. A preferred temperature range for carrying out such fermentation process is between about 10 and 50 °C, more preferably the fermentation temperature is about 30 °C. The aeration rate is preferably adjusted to between about 0.01 and about 1.5 volume of gas per volume of liquid with a dissolved oxygen concentration (DO) of in between 0.01 and about 500 %. A DO of 100 % denotes oxygen saturation of the solution at atmospheric pressure (1 bar) and reactor temperature. The fermentation can be carried out at a pressure of from about 0.1 to about 100 bar, preferably, the fermentation is carried out at atmospheric pressure, i.e., at about 1 bar. The dilution rate can vary from about 0.001 to about 0.5 per hour.

[0022] The invention is illustrated further by the Examples given below.

Example 1

[0023] Storage solutions for feed medium were prepared as follows:

1.1 CaCl₂/H₃BO₃ Solution

[0024]

| | | |
|--|--------|-----|
| CaCl ₂ • 2 H ₂ O | 18.75 | g/l |
| H ₃ BO ₃ | 0.0125 | g/l |

[0025] This solution was sterilized at 121 °C for 20 minutes.

1.2 Microelements Solution

[0026]

| | | |
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| (NH ₄) ₂ Fe(SO ₄) ₂ • 6 H ₂ O | 2.5 | g/l |
| CuSO ₄ • 5 H ₂ O | 0.2 | g/l |
| ZnSO ₄ • 7 H ₂ O | 0.75 | g/l |
| MnSO ₄ • 5 H ₂ O | 1.0 | g/l |
| Na-EDTA | 2.5 | g/l |

[0027] This solution was sterilized at 121 °C for 20 minutes.

1.3 Trace Elements Solution

[0028]

| | | |
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| NiSO ₄ • 6 H ₂ O | 0.025 | g/l |
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| CoCl ₂ • 6 H ₂ O | 0.025 | g/l |
| Na ₂ MoO ₄ • 2 H ₂ O | 0.025 | g/l |
| KJ | | |

[0029] This solution was sterilized at 121 °C for 20 minutes.

1.4 Salts + Vitamin Solution

[0030]

| | | |
|---|-------|------|
| KH ₂ PO ₄ | 50.0 | g/l |
| NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄ | 100.0 | g/l |
| MgSO ₄ • 7 H ₂ O | 45.0 | g/l |
| (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ | 50.0 | g/l |
| KCl | 23.0 | g/l |
| NaCl | 5.0 | g/l |
| vitamin solution (D-biotin, 600 mg/l thiamin • HCl 200 g/l in 50 % isopropanol/water) | 5.0 | ml/l |

[0031] The vitamin solution was sterilized by filtration (0.2 µm) and added to the salt solution that was sterilized at 121 °C for 20 minutes.

1.5 Glucose Solution

[0032] 770 g of D-glucose • H₂O were dissolved in 480 g of water and sterilized (121 °C, 20 min) to yield 1 l solution containing 57 % (by weight) of D-glucose.

1.6 Methanol

[0033] Pure methanol was assumed to be sterile and filled into a sterilized flask.

1.7 Antifoam

[0034] A sterilized (121 °C, 20 min) solution of 10% antifoam (Struktol J 673, Schill & Seilacher, Hamburg, Germany) was provided for supply on demand by foam-control.

1.8 Base

[0035] A solution of ca. 12,5 % (by weight) of ammonia in sterile water was filled into a sterilized flask.

Example 2

[0036] A fixed bed bioreactor (1 litre) was set up following the principle illustrated in Figure 1 with individual storage flasks being provided for the solutions 1.1 to 1.8 of Example 1. The fixed bed of porous steatite spheres (4 mm diameter, pore diameter 10-30 µm, 280 pores per ml, CeramTec, Marktreidwitz, Germany) was contained by a sieve plate at the top. The reactor was sterilized (121 °C, 20 min) and thereafter filled with an inoculum culture of *Hansenula polymorpha* transformed with a phytase encoding DNA as described, e.g. in EP 897 010, EP 897 985 or Example 11. Then the connection to the storage flasks was established. The inoculum culture was grown on a medium containing glycerol as a carbon source instead of glucose. The reactor was put to batch operation until all glycerol was consumed, which was determined by a rise of the dissolved oxygen concentration. Then the feed stream was turned on and the fermentation

was run under process conditions as given below:

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|----|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 5 | Temperature | 30 | °C |
| | pH | 4.6 | Diluted oxygen concentration |
| | P _{total} | 10 ⁵ | N/m ² |
| 10 | P _{O2} | 10 ⁵ | N/m ² |
| | Dilution rate | 0.0067 | h ⁻¹ |
| | aeration rate | 100 | ml/min |
| | V _{fluid} | 1190 | ml ⁻¹ |
| 15 | V _{fixed bed} | 950 | ml ⁻¹ |

[0037] Substrate composition as provided
by storage flasks 1-8; (actual concentrations
20 in feed stream given) :

| | | | |
|----|--|------|-----|
| 25 | D-glucose | 305 | g/l |
| | Methanol | 264 | g/l |
| | CaCl ₂ /H ₃ BO ₃ Solution | 12.2 | g/l |
| | Microelement Solution | 20.9 | g/l |
| 30 | Trace Element Solution | 17.2 | g/l |
| | Salts + vitamin Solution | 44.7 | g/l |

Analytics:

35 [0038] Bio-Rad Protein Assay Kit I (Bio-Rad, Glattbrugg, Switzerland) was used to determine the total protein concentration. A factor for the calculation of phytase concentration (c_{phyt}) from total protein concentration (c_{tp}) was determined as $c_{\text{phyt}} = 0.76 \cdot c_{\text{tp}}$.

40 [0039] To determine the biomass in the medium two samples of 1 ml were centrifuged, washed with 1 ml of water, centrifuged again, dried at 85 °C for two days and weighed.

Results:

45 [0040] Under the above process conditions the biomass was 59 g/l. Given a dilution rate of 0.0067 per hour the productivity was 0.078 g of phytase per litre per hour.

[0041] In a fermentation that was run fed-batch-wise the biomass was 125 g/l; the productivity, however, was calculated to 0.054 g phytase per litre per hour.

Example 3

50 [0042] A fermentation in analogy to Example 2 but omitting the steatite spheres (i.e., without immobilisation of the microorganism) was carried out. A nutrient and a salt and vitamin solution of the following composition were pumped into the reactor separately:

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Nutrient Solution:

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| NiSO ₄ • 6 H ₂ O | 8.33 | mg/l |
| CoCl ₂ • 6 H ₂ O | 8.33 | mg/l |
| Na ₂ MoO ₄ • 2 H ₂ O | 8.33 | mg/l |
| KJ | 8.33 | mg/l |
| (NH ₄) ₂ Fe(SO ₄) ₂ • 6 H ₂ O | 833.33 | mg/l |
| CuSO ₄ • 5 H ₂ O | 66.67 | mg/l |
| ZnSO ₄ • 7 H ₂ O | 250 | mg/l |
| MnSO ₄ • 5 H ₂ O | 333.33 | mg/l |
| Na-EDTA | 833.33 | mg/l |
| CaCl ₂ • 2 H ₂ O | 6250 | mg/l |
| H ₃ BO ₃ | 4.17 | mg/l |

Salts + Vitamins Solution:

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|---|-------|------|
| KH ₂ PO ₄ | 50.0 | g/l |
| NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄ | 100.0 | g/l |
| MgSO ₄ • 7 H ₂ O | 45.0 | g/l |
| (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ | 50.0 | g/l |
| KCl | 23.0 | g/l |
| NaCl | 5.0 | g/l |
| vitamin solution (D-biotin, 600 mg/l thiamin • HCl 200 g/l in 50 % isopropanol/water) | 5.0 | ml/l |

[0045] The supply of these two solutions was adjusted to provide in the feed stream a concentration of 51 g/l of Nutrient Solution and 61 g/l of Salts + Vitamins Solution. The dilution rate was adjusted to 0.009 h⁻¹. The pH was kept at 4.6 by addition of 12.5 wt% ammonium hydroxide.

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[0046] Furthermore, Glucose Solution as in Example 1 and methanol were fed into the reactor separately to maintain a glucose concentration of 275 g/l and a methanol concentration of 260 g/l in the feed stream.

[0047] The productivity of this fermentation was 0.088 g phytase per litre per hour. Biomass in outflow was 58 g/l.

Example 4

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[0048] In a fermentation process in analogy to Example 3 but adjusting glucose concentration to 290 g/l, methanol concentration to 260 g/l, and keeping the dilution rate constant at 0.009 h⁻¹, the productivity was 0.092 g phytase per litre per hour. Biomass in outflow was 60.4 g/l.

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Example 5

[0049] In a fermentation process in analogy to Example 3 but adjusting glucose concentration to 270 g/l, methanol concentration to 280 g/l, and keeping the dilution rate constant at 0.009 h⁻¹, the productivity was 0.094 g phytase per

litre per hour. Biomass in outflow was 56.8 g/l.

Example 6:

5 Design of the amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-1

Alignment of the amino acid sequences

10 [0050] The alignment was calculated using the program PILEUP from the GCG Sequence Analysis Package Release 9.0 (Devereux *et al.*, 1984) with the standard parameters (gap creation penalty 12, gap extension penalty 4). The location of the gaps was refined using a text editor. Table 1 shows the sequences (see Figure 2), without the signal sequence, that were used for the performance of the alignment starting with the amino acid (aa) as mentioned in Table 1.

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Table 1

Origin and vote weight of the phytase amino acid sequences used for the design of consensus phytase-1

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| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus terreus</i> 9A-1, aa 27, vote weight 0.5 (Mitchell <i>et al.</i> , 1997) |
| 20 | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus terreus</i> cbs116.46, aa 27, vote weight 0.5 (EP 897 985; Figur 1) |
| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> , aa 27, vote weight 0.33 (Piddington <i>et al.</i> , 1993) |
| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> T213, aa 27, vote weight 0.33 |
| 25 | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> strain NRRL3135, aa 27, vote weight 0.33 (van Hartingsveldt <i>et al.</i> , 1993) |
| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> ATCC 13073, aa 26, vote weight 0.2 (Pasamontes <i>et al.</i> , 1997) |
| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> ATCC 32722, aa 26, vote weight 0.2 (EP 897 985; Figur 1) |
| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> ATCC 58128, aa 26, vote weight 0.2 (EP 897 985; Figur 1) |
| 30 | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> ATCC 26906, aa 26, vote weight 0.2 (EP 897 985; Figur 1) |
| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> ATCC 32239, aa 30, vote weight 0.2 (EP 897 985; Figur 1) |
| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Emericella nidulans</i> , aa 25, vote weight 1.0 (Pasamontes <i>et al.</i> , 1997a) |
| 35 | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Talaromyces thermophilus</i> ATCC 20186, aa 24, vote weight 1.0 (Pasamontes <i>et al.</i> , 1997a) |
| | - <i>phyA</i> from <i>Myceliophthora thermophila</i> , aa 19, vote weight 1.0 (Mitchell <i>et al.</i> , 1997) |

Calculation of the amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-1

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[0051] Using the refined alignment as input, the consensus sequence was calculated by the program PRETTY from the GCG Sequence Analysis Package Release 9.0 (Devereux *et al.*, 1984). PRETTY prints sequences with their columns aligned and can display a consensus sequence for an alignment. A vote weight that pays regard to the similarity between the amino acid sequences of the aligned phytases was assigned to all sequences. The vote weight was set in
 45 such a way that the combined impact of all phytases from one sequence subgroup (same species, but from different strains), e. g. the amino acid sequences of all phytases from *A. fumigatus*, on the election was set one, that means that each sequence contributes with a value of 1 divided by the number of strain sequences (see Table 1). By this means, it was possible to prevent that very similar amino acid sequences, e. g. of the phytases from different *A. fumigatus* strains, dominate the calculated consensus sequence.

50 [0052] The program PRETTY was started with the following parameters: The plurality defining the number of votes below which there is no consensus was set on 2.0. The threshold, which determines the scoring matrix value below which an amino acid residue may not vote for a coalition of residues, was set on 2. PRETTY used the PrettyPep.Cmp consensus scoring matrix for peptides.

55 [0053] Ten positions of the alignment (position 46, 66, 82, 138, 162, 236, 276, 279, 280, 308; Figure 2), for which the program was not able to determine a consensus residue, were filled by hand according to the following rules: if a most frequent residue existed, this residue was chosen (138, 236, 280); if a prevalent group of similar equivalent residues occurred, the most frequent or, if not available, one residue of this group was selected (46, 66, 82, 162, 276, 308). If there was neither a prevalent residue nor a prevalent group, one of the occurring residues was chosen according to

common assumptions on their influence on the protein stability (279). Eight other positions (132, 170, 204, 211, 275, 317, 384, 447; Figure 2) were not filled with the amino acid residue selected by the program but normally with amino acids that occur with the same frequency as the residues that were chosen by the program. In most cases, the slight underrating of the three *A. niger* sequences (sum of the vote weights: 0.99) was eliminated by this correction.

Conversion of the consensus phytase-1 amino acid sequence to a DNA sequence

[0054] The first 26 amino acid residues of *A. terreus* cbs116.46 phytase were used as signal peptide and, therefore, fused to the N-terminus of all consensus phytases. For this stretch, we used a special method to calculate the corresponding DNA sequence. Purvis et al (1987) proposed that the incorporation of rare codons in a gene has an influence on the folding efficiency of the protein. The DNA sequence for the signal sequence was calculated using the approach of Purvis et al (1987) and optimized for expression in *S. cerevisiae*. For the remaining parts of the protein, we used the codon frequency table of highly expressed *S. cerevisiae* genes, obtained from the GCG program package, to translate the calculated amino acid sequence into a DNA sequence.

[0055] The resulting sequence of the *fcg* gene is shown in Figure 3.

Construction and cloning of the consensus phytase-1 gene

[0056] The calculated DNA sequence of consensus phrase-1 (*fcg*) was divided into oligonucleotides of 85 bp, alternately using the sequence of the sense and the anti-sense strand. Every oligonucleotide overlaps 20 bp with its previous and its following oligonucleotide of the opposite strand. The location of all primers, purchased from Microsynth, Balgach (Switzerland) and obtained in a PAGE-purified form, is indicated in Figure 3.

PCR-Reactions

[0057] In three PCR reactions, the synthesized oligonucleotides were composed to the entire gene. For the PCR, the High Fidelity Kit from Boehringer Mannheim (Boehringer Mannheim, Germany) and the thermo cycler The Protokol (TM) from AMS Biotechnology (Europe) Ltd. (Lugano, Switzerland) were used.

[0058] Oligonucleotides CP-1 to CP-10 (Mix 1, Figure 3) were mixed to a concentration of 0.2 pmol/μl of each oligonucleotide. A second oligonucleotide mixture (Mix 2) was prepared with CP-9 to CP-22 (0.2 pmol/μl of each oligonucleotide). Additionally, four short primers were used in the PCR reactions:

CP-a: *Eco* RI

5'-TATATGAATTCATGGGCGTGTTTCGTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 1)

CP-b:

5'-TGAAAAGTTTCATTGAAGGTTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 2)

CP-c:

5'-TCTTCGAAAGCAGTACAAGTAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 3)

CP-e: *Eco* RI

5'-TATATGAATTCTTAAGCGAAAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 4)

PCR reaction a:

10 μl Mix 1 (2.0 pmol of each oligonucleotide)
2 μl nucleotides (10 mM each nucleotide)
2 μl primer CP-a (10 pmol/μl)
2 μl primer CP-c (10 pmol/μl)

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10,0 µl PCR buffer
0.75 µl polymerase mixture (2.6U)
73.25 µl H₂O

5 PCR reaction *b*:

10 µl Mix 2 (2.0 pmol of each oligonucleotide)
2 µl nucleotides (10 mM each nucleotide)
2 µl primer CP-b (10 pmol/µl)
2 µl primer CP-e (10 pmol/µl)
10,0 µl PCR buffer
0.75 µl polymerase mixture (2.6 U)
73.25 µl H₂O

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Reaction conditions for PCR reactions *a* and *b*:

step 1 2 min - 45°C
step 2 30 sec - 72°C
step 3 30 sec - 94°C
step 4 30 sec - 52°C
step 5 1 min - 72°C

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[0059] Steps 3 to 5 were repeated 40-times.

20 [0060] The PCR products (670 and 905 bp) were purified by an agarose gel electrophoresis (0.9% agarose) and a following gel extraction (QIAEX II Gel Extraction Kit, Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). The purified DNA fragments were used for the PCR reaction *c*.

PCR reaction *c*:

6 µl PCR product of reaction *a* (≈50 ng)
6 µl PCR product of reaction *b* (≈50 ng)
2 µl primer CP-a (10 pmol/µl)
2 µl primer CP-e (10 pmol/µl)
10,0 µl PCR buffer
0.75 µl polymerase mixture (2.6 U)
73.25 µl H₂O

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Reaction conditions for PCR reaction *c*:

step 1 2 min - 94°C
step 2 30 sec - 94°C
step 3 30 sec - 55°C
step 4 1 min - 72°C

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[0061] Steps 2 to 4 were repeated 31-times.

40 [0062] The resulting PCR product (1.4 kb) was purified as mentioned above, digested with *Eco* RI, and ligated in an *Eco* RI-digested and dephosphorylated pBsk(-)-vector (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA, USA). 1 µl of the ligation mixture was used to transform *E. coli* XL-1 competent cells (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA, USA). All standard procedures were carried out as described by Sambrook *et al.* (1987). The DNA sequence of the constructed consensus phytase gene (*fcp*, Figure 3) was controlled by sequencing as known in the art.

Example 7

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Design of an improved consensus phytase (consensus phytase-10) amino acid sequence

[0063] The alignments used for the design of consensus phytase-10 were calculated using the program PILEUP from the GCG Sequence Analysis Package Release 9.0 (Devereux *et al.*, 1984) with the standard parameters (gap creation penalty 12, gap extension penalty 4). The location of the gaps was refined using a text editor.

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[0064] The following sequences were used for the alignment of the *Basidiomycete* phytases starting with the amino acid (aa) mentioned in Table 2:

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Table 2

Origin and vote weight of five *Basidiomycete* phytases used for the calculation of the corresponding amino acid consensus sequence (basidio)

- *phyA1* from *Paxillus involutus* NN005693, aa 21, vote weight 0.5 (WO 98/28409)
- *phyA2* from *Paxillus involutus* NN005693, aa 21, vote weight 0.5 (WO 98/28409)
- *phyA* from *Trametes pubescens* NN9343, aa 24, vote weight 1.0 (WO 98/28409)
- *phyA* from *Agrocybe pediades* NN009289, aa 19, vote weight 1.0 (WO 98/28409)
- *phyA* from *Peniophora lycii* NN006113, aa 21, vote weight 1.0 (WO 98/28409)

[0065] The alignment is shown in Figure 4.

[0066] In Table 3 the genes, which were used for the performance of the final alignment, are arranged. The first amino acid (aa) of the sequence which is used in the alignment is mentioned behind the organism's designation.

Table 3

Origin and vote weight of the phytase sequences used for the design of consensus phytase 10

- *phyA* from *Aspergillus terreus* 9A-1, aa 27, vote weight 0.5 (Mitchell *et al.*, 1997)
- *phyA* from *Aspergillus terreus* cbs116.46, aa 27, vote weight 0.5 (EP 897 985; Figur 1)
- *phyA* from *Aspergillus niger* var. *awamori*, aa 27, vote weight 0.5 (Piddington *et al.*, 1993)
- *phyA* from *Aspergillus niger* strain NRRL3135, aa 27, vote weight 0.5 (van Hartingsveldt *et al.*, 1993)
- *phyA* from *Aspergillus fumigatus* ATCC 13073, aa 26, vote weight 0.2 (Pasamontes *et al.*, 1997)
- *phyA* from *Aspergillus fumigatus* ATCC 32722, aa 26, vote weight 0.2 (EP 897 985; Figur 1)
- *phyA* from *Aspergillus fumigatus* ATCC 58128, aa 26, vote weight 0.2 (EP 897 985; Figur 1)
- *phyA* from *Aspergillus fumigatus* ATCC 26906, aa 26, vote weight 0.2 (EP 897 985; Figur 1)
- *phyA* from *Aspergillus fumigatus* ATCC 32239, aa 30, vote weight 0.2 (EP 897 985; Figur 1)
- *phyA* from *Emmericella nidulans*, aa 25, vote weight 1.0 (Pasamontes *et al.*, 1997a)
- *phyA* from *Talaromyces thermophilus* ATCC 20186, aa 24, vote weight 1.0 (Pasamontes *et al.*, 1997a)
- *phyA* from *Myceliophthora thermophila*, aa 19, vote weight 1.0 (Mitchell *et al.*, 1997)
- *phyA* from *Thermomyces lanuginosa*, aa 36, vote weight 1.0 (Berka *et al.*, 1998)
- Consensus sequence of five *Basidiomycete* phytases, vote weight 1.0 (Basidio, Figure 4)

[0067] The corresponding alignment is shown in Figure 5.

Calculation of the amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-10

[0068] To improve the alignment, we combined the consensus sequence of five phytases from four different *Basidiomycetes*, called Basidio, still containing the undefined sequence positions (see Figure 4), nearly all phytase sequences used for calculation of the original consensus phytase and one new phytase sequence from the *Ascomycete* *Thermomyces lanuginosus* to a larger alignment.

We set plurality on 2.0 and threshold on 3. The used vote weights are listed in Table 3. The alignment and the corresponding consensus sequence are presented in Figure 5. The new consensus phytase -10 sequence has 32 different amino acids in comparison to the original consensus phytase. Positions for which the program PRETTY was not able to calculate a consensus amino acid residue were filled according to rules mentioned in Example 6. None of the residues suggested by the program was replaced.

[0069] Furthermore, we included all *Basidiomycete* phytases as single amino acid sequences but assigning a vote weight of 0.2 in the alignment. The corresponding alignment is shown in Figure 7. The calculated consensus amino acid

sequence (consensus phytase-11) has the following differences to the sequence of consensus phytase-10: D35X, X(K)69K, X(E)100E, A101R, Q134N, X(K)153N, X(H)190H, X(A)204S, X(E)220D, E222T, V227A, X(R)271R, H287A, X(D)288D, X(K)379K, X(I)389I, E390X, X(E)415E, X(A)416A, X(R)446L, E463A, where the numbering is as in Fig. 6.

[0070] Letter X means that the program was not able to calculate a consensus amino acid; the amino acid in parenthesis corresponds to the amino acid finally included into the consensus phytase-10.

[0071] We also checked single amino acid replacements suggested by the improved consensus phytase sequences 10 and 11 on their influence on the stability of the original consensus phytase -1. The approach is described in example 8.

10 Conversion of consensus phytase-10 amino acid sequence to a DNA sequence

[0072] The first 26 amino acid residues of *A. terreus* cbs116.46 phytase were used as signal peptide and, therefore, fused to the *N*-terminus of consensus phytase-10. The used procedure is further described in Example 6.

[0073] The resulting sequence of the *fcy10* gene is shown in Figure 6.

15 Construction and cloning of the consensus phytase-10 gene (*fcy10*)

[0074] The calculated DNA sequence of *fcy10* was divided into oligonucleotides of 85 bp, alternately using the sequence of the sense and the anti-sense strand. Every oligonucleotide overlaps 20 bp with its previous and its following oligonucleotide of the opposite strand. The location of all primers, purchased from Microsynth, Balgach (Switzerland) and obtained in a PAGE-purified form, is indicated in Figure 6.

PCR-Reactions

[0075] In three PCR reactions, the synthesized oligonucleotides were composed to the entire gene. For the PCR, the High Fidelity Kit from Boehringer Mannheim (Boehringer Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany) and the thermocycler The Protokol™ from AMS Biotechnology (Europe) Ltd. (Lugano, Switzerland) were used. The following oligonucleotides were used in a concentration of 0.2 pmol/ml.

Mix 1.10: CP-1, CP-2, CP-3.10, CP-4.10, CP-5.10, CP-6, CP-7.10, CP-8.10, CP-9.10, CP-10.10

Mix 2.10: CP-9.10, CP-10.10, CP-11.10, CP-12.10, CP-13.10, CP-14.10, CP-15.10, CP-16.10, CP-17.10, CP-18.10, CP-19.10, CP-20.10, CP-21.10, CP-22.10

[0076] The newly synthesized oligonucleotides are marked by number 10. The phytase contains the following 32 exchanges, which are underlined in Figure 6, in comparison to the original consensus phytase -1: Y54F, E58A, D69K, D70G, A94K, N134Q, I158V, S187A, Q188N, D197N, S204A, T214L, D220E, L234V, A238P, D246H, T251N, Y259N, E267D, E277Q, A283D, R291I, A320V, R329H, S364T, I366V, A379K, S396A, G404A, Q415E, A437G, A463E.

[0077] Four short PCR primers were used for the assembling of the oligonucleotides:

CP-a: *Eco* RI
5'-TATATGAATTCATGGGCGTGTTCGTC-3' (SEQ, ID No. 1)

CP-b: 5'-TGAAAAGTTCATTGAAGGTTTC-3' (SEQ, ID No. 2)

CP-c.10: 5'-TCTTCGAAAGCAGTACACAAAC-3' (SEQ, ID No. 5)

CP-e: *Eco* RI
5'-TATATGAATTCTTAAGCGAAAC-3' (SEQ, ID No. 4)

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PCR reaction *a*:
10 µl Mix 1.10 (2.0 pmol of each oligonucleotide)
2 µl nucleotides (10 mM each nucleotide)
2 µl primer CP-a (10 pmol/ml)
2 µl primer CP-c.10 (10 pmol/ml)
10,0 µl PCR buffer
0.75 µl polymerase mixture (2.6 U)
73.25 µl H₂O

PCR reaction *b*:
10 µl Mix 2.10 (2.0 pmol of each oligonucleotide)
2 µl nucleotides (10 mM each nucleotide)
2 µl primer CP-b (10 pmol/ml)
2 µl primer CP-e (10 pmol/ml)
10,0 µl PCR buffer
0.75 µl polymerase mixture (2.6 U)
73.25 µl H₂O

Reaction conditions for PCR reactions *a* and *b*:
step 1 2 min - 45°C
step 2 30 sec - 72 °C
step 3 30 sec - 94 °C
step 4 30 sec - 52 °C
step 5 1 min - 72°C

[0078] Steps 3 to 5 were repeated 40-times.

[0079] The PCR products (670 and 905 bp) were purified by an agarose gel electrophoresis (0.9% agarose) and a following gel extraction (QIAEX II Gel Extraction Kit, Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). The purified DNA fragments were used for the PCR reaction *c*.

PCR reaction *c*:
6 µl PCR product of reaction *a*(~50 ng)
6 µl PCR product of reaction *b*(~50 ng)
2 µl primer CP-a (10 pmol/ml)
2 µl primer CP-e (10 pmol/ml)
10,0 µl PCR buffer
0.75 µl polymerase mixture (2.6 U)
73.25 µl H₂O

Reaction conditions for PCR reaction *c*:
step 1 2 min - 94°C
step 2 30 sec - 94 °C
step 3 30 sec - 55 °C
step 4 1 min - 72°C

Steps 2 to 4 were repeated 31-times.

[0080] The resulting PCR product (1.4 kb) was purified as mentioned above, digested with *Eco* RI, and ligated in an *Eco* RI-digested and dephosphorylated pBsk(-)-vector (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA, USA). 1 µl of the ligation mixture was used to transform *E. coli* XL-1 competent cells (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA, USA). All standard procedures were carried out as described by Sambrook *et al.* (1987). The DNA sequence of the constructed gene (*fcp10*) was checked by sequencing as known in the art.

Example 8

Increasing the thermostability of consensus phytase-1 by introduction of single mutations suggested by the amino acid sequence of consensus phytase-10 and/or consensus phytase-11

[0081] In order to increase the thermostability of homologous genes, it is also possible to test the stability effect of each differing amino acid residue between the protein of interest and the calculated consensus sequence and to combine all stabilizing mutations into the protein of interest. We used the consensus phytase -1 as protein of interest and tested the effect on the protein stability of 34 amino acids, which differed between consensus phytase -1 on one hand and consensus phytases 10 and/or -11 on the other hand, by single mutation..

[0082] To construct muteins for expression in *A. niger*, *S. cerevisiae*, or *H. polymorpha*, the corresponding expression plasmid containing the consensus phytase gene was used as template for site-directed mutagenesis (see Examples 11 - 13). Mutations were introduced using the "quick exchange™ site-directed mutagenesis kit" from Stratagene (La Jolla, CA, USA) following the manufacturer's protocol and using the corresponding primers. All mutations made and their corresponding primers are summarized in Table 4. Plasmids harboring the desired mutation were identified by DNA sequence analysis as known in the art.

Table 4: Primers used for site-directed mutagenesis of consensus phytases

(Exchanged bases are highlighted in bold. The introduction of a restriction site is marked above the sequence. When a restriction site is written in parenthesis, the mentioned site was destroyed by introduction of the mutation.)

| mutation | Primer set |
|----------|---|
| | <i>Kpn</i> I |
| Q50T | 5'-CACTTGTGGGGTACCTACTCTCCATACTTCTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 6) 5'-GAGAAGTATGGAGAGTAGGTACCCCAACAAGTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 7) |
| Y54F | 5'-GGTCAATACTCTCCATTCTTCTCTTTGGAAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 8) 5'-CTTCCAAAGAGAAGAATGGAGAGTATTGACC-3' (SEQ ID No. 9) |
| E58A | 5'-CATACTTCTCTTTGGCAGACGAATCTGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 10) 5'-GCAGATTCGTCTGCCAAAGAGAAGTATG-3' (SEQ ID No. 11) |

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| 5 | D69K | <i>Aat</i> II | 5'-CTCCAGACGTCCCAAAGGACTGTAGAGTTAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 12) |
| | | | 5'-GTAACCTCTACAGTCCTTTGGGACGTCTGGAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 13) |
| 10 | D70G | <i>Aat</i> II | 5'-CTCCAGACGTCCCAGACGGCTGTAGAGTTAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 14) |
| | | | 5'-GTAACCTCTACAGCCGTCTGGGACGTCTGGAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 15) |
| 15 | K91A | | 5'-GATACCCAACTTCTTCTGCGTCTAAGGCTTACTCTG-3' |
| | | | (SEQ ID No. 16) |
| 20 | A94K | | 5'-CAGAGTAAGCCTTAGACGCAGAAGAAGTTGGGTATC-3' |
| | | | (SEQ ID No. 17) |
| 25 | A101R | <i>Sca</i> I | 5'-CTTCTAAGTCTAAGAAGTACTCTGCTTTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 18) |
| | | | 5'-CAAAGCAGAGTACTTCTTAGACTTAGAAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 19) |
| 30 | N134Q | | 5'-GCTTACTCTGCTTTGATTGAACGGATTCAAAAGAACGCTAC-3' |
| | | | 5'-GTAGCGTTCTTTTGAATCCGTTCAATCAAAGCAGAGTAAGC-3' |
| 35 | K153N | | 5'-CCATTTCGGTGAACAGCAAATGGTTAACTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 22) |
| | | | 5'-GAGTTAACCATTGCTGTTACCGAATGG-3' (SEQ ID No. 23) |
| 40 | I158V | <i>Nru</i> I | 5'-GATACAAGGCTCTCGCGAGAAACATTGTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 24). |
| | | | 5'-GGAACAATGTTTCTCGCGAGAGCCTTGTATC-3' (SEQ ID No. 25) |
| 45 | D197N | <i>Bss</i> HI | 5'-GATTGTTCCATTTCGTGCGCGCTTCTGGTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 26) |
| | | | 5'-GAACCAGAAGCGCGCACGAATGGAACAATC-3' (SEQ ID No. 27) |
| 50 | S187A | <i>Bcl</i> I | 5'-CTCCAGTTATTAACGTGATCATTCCAGAAGG-3' (SEQ ID No. 28) |
| | | | 5'-CCTTCTGGAATGATCACGTTAATAACTGGAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 29) |
| 55 | T214L | <i>Apa</i> I | 5'-GGCTGACCCAGGGGCCCAACCACACCAAGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 30) |
| | | | 5'-GCTTGGTGTGGTTGGGCCCTGGGTGAGCC-3' (SEQ ID No. 31) |
| 60 | E222T | <i>Nco</i> I | 5'-CACTTTGGACCATGGTCTTTGTAAGTCTGCTTTTCG-3' (SEQ ID No. 32) |
| | | | 5'-CGAAAGCAGTACAAAGACCATGGTCCAAAGTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 33) |
| 65 | 34) | <i>Avr</i> II | 5'-GCTTTCGAAGACTCTACCCTAGGTGACGACGTTG-3' (SEQ ID No. |
| | | | 5'-CAACGTCGTCACCTAGGGTAGAGTCTTCGAAAGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 35) |

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| | V227A | 5'-GGTGACGACGCTGAAGCTAACTTCAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 36) 5'-GTGAAGTTAGCTTCAGCGTCGTCACC-3' (SEQ ID No. 37) |
| 5 | | Sac II : |
| | L234V | 5'-CTAACTTCACCGCGGTGTTTCGCTCCAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 38) 5'-CTGGAGCGAACACCGCGGTGAAGTTAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 39) |
| 10 | | |
| | A238P | 5'-GCTTTGTTTCGCTCCACCTATTAGAGCTAGATTGG-3' (SEQ ID No. |
| | 40) | 5'-CCAATCTAGCTCTAATAGGTGGAGCGAACAAAGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 41) |
| 15 | | Hpa I |
| | T251N | 5'-GCCAGGTGTTAACTTGACTGACGAAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 42) 5'-TTCGTCAGTCAAGTTAACACCTGGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 43) |
| 20 | | Aat II |
| | Y259N | 5'-GACGAAGACGTCGTTAACTTGATGGAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 44) 5'-GTCCATCAAGTTAACGACGTCTTCGTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 45) |
| 25 | | Asp I |
| | E267D | 5'-GTCCATTTCGACACTGTCGCTAGAACTT C-3' (SEQ ID No. 46) 5'-GAAGTTCTAGCGACAGTGTGCAATGGAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 47) |
| 30 | | |
| | E277Q | 5'-CTGACGCTACTCAGCTGTCTCCATTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 48) 5'-GAATGGAGACAGCTGAGTAGCGTCAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 49) |
| 35 | | |
| | A283D | 5'-GTCTCCATTCTGTGATTTGTTCACTCAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 50) 5'-GTGAGTGAACAAATCACAGAATGGAGAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 51) |
| 40 | | Ksp I |
| | H287A | 5'-GCTTTGTTACCGCGGACGAATGGAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 52) 5'-CTCCATTTCGTCGCGGTGAACAAAGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 53) |
| 45 | | Bam HI |
| | R291I | 5'-CACGACGAATGGATCCAATACGACTAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 54) 5'-GTAGTCGTATTGGATCCATTTCGTCGTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 55) |
| 50 | | Bsi WI |
| | Q292A | 5'-GACGAATGGAGAGCGTACGACTACTTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 56) 5'-CAAGTAGTCGTACGCTCTCCATTCGTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 57) |
| 55 | | Hpa I |
| | A320V | 5'-GGTGTGTTGTTTCGTTAACGAATTGATTGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 58) 5'-GCAATCAATTTCGTTAACGAAACCAACACC-3' (SEQ ID No. 59) |

(Bgl II)

R329H 5'-GCTAGATTGACTCACTCTCCAGTTCAAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 60)
5'-CTTGAAGTGGAGAGTGAGTCAATCTAGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 61)

Eco RV

S364T 5'-CTCACGACAACACTATGATATCTATTTTCTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 62)
5'-GAAGAAAATAGATATCATAGTGTTGTCGTGAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 63)

Nco I

I366V 5'-CGACAACTCCATGGTTTCTATTTTCTTCGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 64)
5'-GCGAAGAAAATAGAAACCATGGAGTTGTCTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 65)

Kpn I

A379K 5'-GTACAACGGTACCAAGCCATTGTCTAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 66)
5'-GTAGACAATGGCTTGGTACCGTTGTAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 67)

S396A 5'-CTGACGGTTACGCTGCTTCTTGGAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 68)
5'-GTCCAAGAAGCAGCGTAACCGTCAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 69)

G404A 5'-CTGTTCCATTGCTGCTAGAGCTTAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 70)
5'-GTAAGCTCTAGCAGCGAATGGAACAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 71)

Q415E 5'-GATGCAATGTGAAGCTGAAAAGGAACC-3' (SEQ ID No. 72)
5'-GGTTCCTTTTCAGCTTCACATTGCATC-3' (SEQ ID No. 73)

Sal I

A437G 5'-CACGGTTGTGGTGTGCGACAAGTTGGG-3' (SEQ ID No. 74)
5'-CCCAACTTGTGCGACACCACAACCGTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 75)

Mun I

A463E 5'-GATCTGGTGGCAATTGGGAGGAATGTTTCG-3' (SEQ ID No. 76)
5'-CGAAACATTCTCCCAATTGCCACCAGATC-3' (SEQ ID No. 77)

and accordingly for other mutations.

[0083] The temperature optimum of the purified phytases, expressed in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Example 14), was determined as outlined in Example 14. Table 5 shows the effect on the stability of consensus phytase -1 for each mutation introduced.

Table 5: Stability effect of the individual amino acid replacements in consensus phytase-1

(+ or - means a positive, respectively, negative effect on the protein stability up to 1 °C, ++ and -- means a positive, respectively, negative effect on the protein stability between 1 and

3 °C; the number 10 or 11 corresponds to the consensus phytase sequence that suggested
the amino acid replacement.)

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| mutation | effect | mutation | effect | mutation | effect |
| E58A (10) | + | D69A | ± | Y54F (10) | - |
| D69K (11) | + | D70G (10) | ± | V73I | - |
| D197N (10) | + | N134Q (10) | ± | A94K (10) | - |
| T214L (10) | ++ | G186H | ± | A101R (11) | - |
| E222T (11) | ++ | S187A (10) | ± | K153N (11) | - |
| E267D (10) | + | T214V | ± | I158V (10) | -- |
| R291I* | + | T251N (10) | ± | G203A | -- |
| R329H (10) | + | Y259N (10) | ± | G205S | - |
| S364T (10) | ++ | A283D (10) | ± | A217V | - |
| A379K (11) | + | A320V (10) | ± | V227A (11) | -- |
| G404A (10) | ++ | K445T | ± | L234V (10) | - |
| | | A463E (10) | ± | A238P (10) | -- |
| | | | | E277Q (10) | - |
| | | | | H287A (11) | - |
| | | | | Q292A (10) | - |
| | | | | I366V (10) | - |
| | | | | S396A (10) | -- |
| | | | | Q415E (11) | - |
| | | | | A437G (10) | -- |
| | | | | E451R | -- |

*: This amino acid replacement was found in another round of mutations.

[0084] We combined eight positive mutations (E58A, D197N, E267D, R291I, R329H, S364T, A379K, G404A) in consensus phytase -1 using the primers and the technique mentioned above in this example. Furthermore, the mutations Q50T and K91A were introduced which mainly influence the catalytical characteristics of the phytase (see EP 897

985 as well as Example 14). The DNA and amino acid sequence of the resulting phytase gene (consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T-K91A) is shown in Figure 8. In this way, the temperature optimum and the melting point of the consensus phytase was increased by 7 °C (Figure 16, 17, 18).

[0085] Using the results of Table 5, we further improved the thermostability of consensus phytase 10 by the following back mutations K94A, V158I, and A396S that revealed a strong negative influence on the stability of consensus phytase -1. The resulting protein is consensus phytase-10-thermo [3]. Furthermore, we introduced the mutations Q50T and K91A which mainly influence the catalytical characteristics of consensus phytase (see EP 897 485 as well as Example 14 and Figures 15 and 16). The resulting DNA and amino acid sequence is shown in Figure 9. The optimized phytase showed a 4 °C higher temperature optimum and melting point than consensus phytase -10 (Figures 13 and 14). Furthermore, the phytase has also a strongly increased specific activity with phytate as substrate of 250 U/mg at pH 5.5 (Figure 15).

Example 9

Stabilization of the phytase of *A. fumigatus* ATCC 13073 by replacement of amino acid residues with the corresponding consensus phytase-1 and consensus phytase-10 residues

[0086] At six typical positions where the *A. fumigatus* 13073 phytase is the only or nearly the only phytase in the alignment of Figure 2 that does not contain the corresponding consensus phytase amino acid residue, the non-consensus amino acid residue was replaced by the consensus one. In a first round, the following amino acids were substituted in *A. fumigatus* 13073 phytase, containing the Q51T substitution and the signal sequence of *A. terreus* cbs.116.46 phytase (see Figure 10):

F55(28)Y, V100(73)I, F114(87)Y, A243(220)L, S265(242)P, N294(282)D.

[0087] The numbers in parentheses refer to the numbering of Figure 2.

[0088] In a second round, four of the seven stabilizing amino acid exchanges (E59A, R329H, S364T, G404A) found in the consensus phytase-10 sequence and, tested as single mutations in consensus phytase-1 (Table 5), were additionally introduced into the *A. fumigatus* α -mutant. Furthermore, the amino acid replacement S154N, shown to reduce the protease susceptibility of the phytase, was introduced.

[0089] The mutations were introduced as described in example 8 (see Table 6) and expressed as described in example 11 to 13. The resulting *A. fumigatus* 13073 phytase variants were called α -mutant and α -mutant-E59A-S154N-R329H-S364T-G404A.

[0090] The temperature optimum (60 °C, Figure 21) and the melting point (67.0 °C, Figure 20) of the *A. fumigatus* 13073 phytase α -mutant were increased by 5 - 7°C in comparison to the values of the wild-type (temperature optimum: 55 °C, T_m : 60 °C). The five additional amino acid replacements further increased the temperature optimum by 3 °C (Figure 21).

Table 6: Mutagenesis primers for stabilization of *A. fumigatus* phytase ATCC 13073

| | | |
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| 5 | Mutation | Primer |
| | F55Y | 5'-CACGTACTCGCCATACTTTTCGCTCGAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 78) 5'-CTCGAGCGAAAAGTATGGCGAGTACGTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 79) |
| 10 | | (<i>Xho</i> I) |
| | E58A | 5'-CCATACTTTTCGCTCGCGGACGAGCTGTCCGTG-3' (SEQ ID NO. 80) 5'-CACGGACAGCTCGTCCGCGAGCGAAAAGTAGG-3' (SEQ ID NO. 81) |
| 15 | | |
| | V100I | 5'-GTATAAGAAGCTTATTACGGCGATCCAGGCC-3' (SEQ ID No. 82) 5'-GGCCTGGATCGCCGTAATAAGCTTCTTATAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 83) |
| 20 | | |
| | F114Y | 5'-CTTCAAGGGCAAGTACGCCTTTTGAAGACG-3' (SEQ ID No. 84) 5'-CGTCTTCAAAAAGGCGTACTTGCCCTTGAAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 85) |
| 25 | | |
| | A243L | 5'-CATCCGAGCTCGCCTCGAGAAGCATCTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 86) 5'-GAAGATGCTTCTCGAGGCGAGCTCGGATG-3' (SEQ ID No. 87) |
| 30 | | |
| | S265P | 5'-CTAATGGA TGTGTCCGTTTGATACGGTAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 88) 5'-CTACCGTATCAAACGGACACATGTCCATTAG-3' (SEQ ID No. 89) |
| 35 | | |
| 40 | | |
| 45 | | |
| 50 | | |
| 55 | | |

N294D 5'-GTGGAAGAAGTACGACTACCTTCAGTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 90)
5'-GACTGAAGGTAGTCGTA~~CTT~~CCTCCAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 91)

(*Mlu* I)

R329H 5'-GCCCCGGTTGACGCATTGCGCCAGTGCAGG-3' (SEQ ID No. 92)
5'-CCTGCACTGGCGAATGCGTCAACCGGGC-3' (SEQ ID No. 93)

Nco I

S364T 5'-CACACGACAACACCATGGTTTCCATCTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 94)
5'-GAAGATGGAAACCATGGTGTGTCGTGTG-3' (SEQ ID No. 95)

(*Bss* HI)

G404A 5'-GTGGTGCCTTTCGCCGCGGAGCCTACTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 96)
5'-GAAGTAGGCTCGCGCGGCGAAAGGCACCAC-3' (SEQ ID No. 97)

Example 10

Introduction of the active site amino acid residues of the *A. niger* NRRL 3135 phytase into the consensus phytase-1

[0091] We used the crystal structure of the *Aspergillus niger* NRRL 3135 phytase to define all active site amino acid residues (see Reference Example and EP 897 010). Using the alignment of Figure 2, we replaced the following active site residues and additionally the non-identical adjacent ones of the consensus phytase -1 by those of the *A. niger* phytase:

S89D, S92G, A94K, D164S, P201S, G203A, G205S, H212P, G224A, D226T, E255T, D256E, V258T, P265S, Q292H, G300K, Y305H, A314T, S364G, M365I, A397S, S398A, G404A, and A405S

[0092] The new protein sequence consensus phytase -7 was backtranslated into a DNA sequence (Figure 11) as described in Example 6. The corresponding gene (*fcp7*) was generated as described in Example 6 using the following oligonucleotide mixes:

Mix 1.7: CP-1, CP-2, CP-3, CP-4.7, CP-5.7, CP-6, CP-7, CP-8.7, CP-9, CP-10.7

Mix 2.7: CP-9, CP-10.7, CP-11.7, CP-12.7, CP-13.7, CP-14.7, CP-15.7, CP-16, CP-17.7, CP-18.7, CP-19.7, CP-20, CP-21, CP-22.

[0093] The DNA sequences of the oligonucleotides are indicated in Figure 11. The newly synthesized oligonucleotides are additionally marked by number 7. After assembling of the oligonucleotides using the same PCR primers as mentioned in Example 6, the gene was cloned into an expression vector as described in Examples 11 - 13.

[0094] The pH-profile of consensus phytase-7, purified after expression in *Hansenula polymorpha*, was very similar to that of *A. niger* NRRL 3135 phytase (see Figure 19).

Example 11

Expression of the consensus phytase genes in *Hansenula polymorpha*

[0095] The phytase expression vectors, used to transform *H. polymorpha* RB11 (Gellissen *et al.*, 1994), were constructed by inserting the *Eco* RI fragment of pBsk⁻*fcp* or variants thereof into the multiple cloning site of the *H.*

polymorpha expression vector pFPMT121, which is based on an *ura3* selection marker from *S. cerevisiae*, a formate dehydrogenase (*FMD*) promoter element and a methanol oxidase (*MO*) terminator element from *H. polymorpha*. The 5' end of the *fcp* gene is fused to the *FMD* promoter, the 3' end to the *MOX* terminator (Gellissen *et al.*, 1996; EP 0299 108 B). The resulting expression vectors were designated pFPMT*fcp*, pFPMT*fcp10*, pFPMT*fcp7*.

[0096] The constructed plasmids were propagated in *E. coli*. Plasmid DNA was purified using standard state of the art procedures. The expression plasmids were transformed into the *H. polymorpha* strain RP11 deficient in orotidine-5'-phosphate decarboxylase (*ura3*) using the procedure for preparation of competent cells and for transformation of yeast as described in Gellissen *et al.* (1996). Each transformation mixture was plated on YNB (0.14% w/v Difco YNB and 0.5% ammonium sulfate) containing 2% glucose and 1.8% agar and incubated at 37 °C. After 4 to 5 days individual transformant colonies were picked and grown in the liquid medium described above for 2 days at 37 °C. Subsequently, an aliquot of this culture was used to inoculate fresh vials with YNB-medium containing 2% glucose. After seven further passages in selective medium, the expression vector is integrated into the yeast genome in multimeric form. Subsequently, mitotically stable transformants were obtained by two additional cultivation steps in 3 ml non-selective liquid medium (YPD, 2% glucose, 10 g yeast extract, and 20 g peptone). In order to obtain genetically homogeneous recombinant strains an aliquot from the last stabilization culture was plated on a selective plate. Single colonies were isolated for analysis of phytase expression in YNB containing 2% glycerol instead of glucose to derepress the *fmd* promoter. Purification of the consensus phytases was done as described in Example 12.

Example 12

Expression of the consensus phytase genes in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and purification of the phytases from culture supernatant

[0097] The consensus phytase genes were isolated from the corresponding Bluescript-plasmid (pBsk⁻*fcp*, pBsk⁻*fcp10*, pBsk⁻*fcp7*) and ligated into the *Eco* RI sites of the expression cassette of the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* expression vector pYES2 (Invitrogen, San Diego, CA, USA) or subcloned between the shortened GAPFL (glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase) promoter and the *pho5* terminator as described by Janes *et al.* (1990). The correct orientation of the gene was checked by PCR. Transformation of *S. cerevisiae* strains. e. g. INVSc1 (Invitrogen, San Diego, CA, USA) was done according to Hinnen *et al.* (1978). Single colonies harboring the phytase gene under the control of the GAPFL promoter were picked and cultivated in 5 ml selection medium (SD-uracil, Sherman *et al.*, 1986) at 30°C under vigorous shaking (250 rpm) for one day. The preculture was then added to 500 ml YPD medium (Sherman *et al.*, 1986) and grown under the same conditions. Induction of the *gal1* promoter was done according to the manufacturer's instructions. After four days of incubation cell broth was centrifuged (7000 rpm, GS3 rotor, 15 min, 5°C) to remove the cells and the supernatant was concentrated by way of ultrafiltration in Amicon 8400 cells (PM30 membranes) and ultra-free-15 centrifugal filter devices (Biomax-30K, Millipore, Bedford, MA, USA). The concentrate (10 ml) was desalted on a 40 ml Sephadex G25 Superfine column (Pharmacia Biotech, Freiburg, Germany), with 10 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.0, serving as elution buffer. The desalted sample was brought to 2 M (NH₄)₂SO₄ and directly loaded onto a 1 ml Butyl Sepharose 4 Fast Flow hydrophobic interaction chromatography column (Pharmacia Biotech, Freiburg, Germany) which was eluted with a linear gradient from 2 M to 0 M (NH₄)₂SO₄ in 10 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.0. Phytase was eluted in the break-through, concentrated and loaded on a 120 ml Sephacryl S-300 gel permeation chromatography column (Pharmacia Biotech, Freiburg, Germany). Consensus phytase -1 and consensus phytase -7 eluted as a homogeneous symmetrical peak and was shown by SDS-PAGE to be approx. 95% pure.

Example 13

Expression of the consensus phytase genes in *Aspergillus niger*

[0098] The Bluescript-plasmids pBsk⁻*fcp*, pBsk⁻*fcp10*, and pBsk⁻*fcp7* were used as template for the introduction of a *Bsp* HI-site upstream of the start codon of the genes and an *Eco* RV-site downstream of the stop codon. The Expand™ High Fidelity PCR Kit (Boehringer Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany) was used with the following primers:

Primer Asp-1:

Bsp HI

5'-TATATCATGAGCGTGTTCGTCGTGCTACTGTTC-3' (SEQ ID No. 98)

Primer Asp-2 used for cloning of *fcp* and *fcp7*:*Eco* RV

3'-ACCCGACTTACAAAGCGAATTCTATAGATATAT-5' (SEQ ID No. 99)

Primer Asp-3 used for cloning of *fcp10*:*Eco* RV

3'-ACCCTTCTTACAAAGCGAATTCTATAGATATAT-5' (SEQ ID No. 100)

[0099] The reaction was performed as described by the supplier. The PCR-amplified *fcp*-genes had a new *Bsp* HI site at the start codon, introduced by primer Asp-1, which resulted in a replacement of the second amino acid residue glycine by serine. Subsequently, the DNA-fragment was digested with *Bsp* HI and *Eco* RV and ligated into the *Nco* I site downstream of the glucoamylase promoter of *Aspergillus niger* (*glaA*) and the *Eco* RV site upstream of the *Aspergillus nidulans* tryptophan C terminator (*trpC*) (Mullaney *et al.*, 1985). After this cloning step, the genes were sequenced to detect possible failures introduced by PCR. The resulting expression plasmids which basically correspond to the pGLAC vector as described in Example 9 of EP 684 313 contained the orotidine-5'-phosphate decarboxylase gene (*pyr4*) of *Neurospora crassa* as a selection marker. Transformation of *Aspergillus niger* and expression of the consensus phytase genes was done as described in EP 684 313. The consensus phytases were purified as described in Example 12.

Example 14Determination of phytase activity and of temperature optimum

[0100] Phytase activity was determined basically as described by Mitchell *et al* (1997). The activity was measured in an assay mixture containing 0.5% phytic acid (≈ 5 mM) in 200 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.0. After 15 min of incubation at 37 °C, the reaction was stopped by addition of an equal volume of 15% trichloroacetic acid. The liberated phosphate was quantified by mixing 100 μ l of the assay mixture with 900 μ l H₂O and 1 ml of 0.6 M H₂SO₄, 2% ascorbic acid and 0.5% ammonium molybdate. Standard solutions of potassium phosphate were used as reference. One unit of enzyme activity was defined as the amount of enzyme that releases 1 μ mol phosphate per minute at 37 °C. The protein concentration was determined using the enzyme extinction coefficient at 280 nm calculated according to Pace *et al* (1995): consensus phytase -1.101; consensus phytase -7, 1.068; consensus phytase -1 10, 1.039.

[0101] In case of pH-optimum curves, purified enzymes were diluted in 10 mM sodium acetate, pH 5.0. Incubations were started by mixing aliquots of the diluted protein with an equal volume of 1% phytic acid (≈ 10 mM) in a series of different buffers: 0.4 M glycine/HCl, pH 2.5; 0.4 M acetate/NaOH, pH 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5; 0.4 M imidazole/HCl, pH 6.0, 6.5; 0.4 M Tris/HCl pH 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0. Control experiments showed that pH was only slightly affected by the mixing step. Incubations were performed for 15 min at 37 °C as described above.

[0102] For determinations of the substrate specificities of the phytases, phytic acid in the assay mixture was replaced by 5 mM concentrations of the respective phosphate compounds. The activity tests were performed as described above.

[0103] For determination of the temperature optimum, enzyme (100 μ l) and substrate solution (100 μ l) were pre-incubated for 5 min at the given temperature. The reaction was started by addition of the substrate solution to the enzyme. After 15 min incubation, the reaction was stopped with trichloroacetic acid and the amount of phosphate released was determined.

[0104] The pH-optimum of the original consensus phytase was around pH 6.0-6.5 (80 U/mg). By introduction of the

Q50T mutation, the pH-optimum shifted to pH 6.0 (130 U/mg). After introduction of K91A, the pH optimum shifted one pH-unit into the acidic pH-range showing a higher specific activity between pH 2.5 and pH 6.0. That was shown for the stabilized mutants and for consensus phytase-10, too (Figure 15 and 16).

[0105] Consensus phytase-7, which was constructed to transfer the catalytic characteristics of the *A. niger* NRRL 3135 phytase into consensus phytase-1, had a pH-profile very similar to that of *A. niger* NRRL 3135 phytase (see Figure 19). The substrate specificity of consensus phytase-7 also resembled more to that of *A. niger* NRRL 3135 phytase than to that of consensus phytase-1.

[0106] The temperature optimum of consensus phytase-1 (71 °C) was 16-26 °C higher than the temperature optimum of the wild-type phytases (45-55 °C, Table 7) which were used to calculate the consensus sequence. The improved consensus phytase-10 showed a further increase of its temperature optimum to 80 °C (Figure 12). The temperature optimum of the consensus phytase-1-thermo[8] phytase was found in the same range (78 °C) when using the supernatant of an overproducing *S. cerevisiae* strain. The highest temperature optimum reached of 82 °C was determined for consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A.

Table 7

| Temperature optimum and T_m -value of consensus phytase and of the phytases from <i>A. fumigatus</i> , <i>A. niger</i> , <i>E. nidulans</i> and <i>M. thermophila</i> . The determination of the temperature optimum was performed as described in Example 14. The T_m -values were determined by differential scanning calorimetry as described in Example 15. | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------|
| phytase | temperature optimum [°C] | T_m [°C] |
| Consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A | 82 | 89.3 |
| Consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T | 82 | 88.6 |
| Consensus phytase-10 | 80 | 85.4 |
| Consensus phytase-1-thermo[8]-Q50T | 78 | 84.7 |
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| Consensus phytase-1 | 71 | 78.1 |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | 55 | 63.3 |
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Example 15

Determination of the melting point by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

[0107] In order to determine the unfolding temperature of the phytases, differential scanning calorimetry was applied as previously published by Lehmann et al (2000). Solutions of 50-60 mg/ml homogeneous phytase were used for the tests. A constant heating rate of 10 °C/min was applied up to 90-95 °C.

[0108] The determined melting points reflect the results obtained for the temperature optima (Table 7). The most stable consensus phytase designed is consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A showing a melting temperature

under the chosen conditions of 89.3 °C. This is 26 to 33.6 °C higher than the melting points of the wild-type phytases used.

Example 16

Transfer of basidiomycete phytase active site into consensus phytase-10-thermo[3]-Q50T-K91A

[0109] As described previously (Example 8), mutations derived from the basidiomycete phytase active site were introduced into the consensus phytase -10. The following five constructs a) to e) were prepared:

a) This construct is called consensus phytase -12, and it comprises a selected number of active site residues of the basidio consensus sequence. Its amino acid sequence (consphy12) is shown in Fig. 22 (the first 26 amino acids forms the signal peptide, amended positions are underlined);

b) a cluster of mutations (Cluster II) was transferred to the consensus phytase 10 sequence, viz.: S80Q, Y86F, S90G, K91A, S92A, K93T, A94R, Y95I;

c) analogously, another cluster of mutations (Cluster III) was transferred, viz.: T129V, E133A, Q143N, M136S, V137S, N138Q, S139A;

d) analogously, a further cluster of mutations (Cluster IV) was transferred, viz.: A168D, E171T, K172N, F173W;

e) and finally, a further cluster of mutations (Cluster V) was transferred, viz.: Q297G, S298D, G300D, Y305T.

[0110] These constructs were expressed as described in Examples 11 - 13.

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Claims

1. A fermentation assembly comprising

a vessel suitable for carrying out reactions involving living cells;

at least two storage flasks connected to said vessel for supply of liquids and means to transport said liquids from said storage flasks to said vessel;

individual appliances monitoring the supply of the contents of said storage flasks to said vessel;

a harvest flask connected to said vessel and means to transport fermentation broth from said vessel to said harvest flask; and

a device for controlling and maintaining a constant dilution rate in said vessel with varying rates of individual supply of liquid from said storage flasks to said vessel.

2. An assembly as in claim 1 and in accordance with Figure 1 comprising

a fermentor 1 equipped with inlet tubes 2a from storage flasks 2 for supply of liquids; pumps 3 for transporting liquids from the storage flasks 2 to fermentor 1; scales 4 for monitoring the amount of liquids supplies to and discharged from the fermentor; gas inlet tubes 9 and outlet tubes 10; pump 6 for discharging fermentation broth via outlet tubes 5a to a harvest flask 5; main controlling unit 7 for overall process monitoring and steering; controlling unit 11 for monitoring and steering individual control systems 17 for temperature, pH, gas pressure, fermentor content and antifoam agents; circuit 12 including pump 13 for gas supply and taking samples; gas inlet and outlet flow control 14 and 15; and, optionally, sterile filters 16 and thermostating unit 8.

3. An assembly as in claims 1 or 2, wherein said storage flasks comprise individual flasks for solutions of carbon, nitrogen, and mineral sources required for the growth of said cells and optimal formation of the desired reaction product.

4. An assembly as in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said storage flasks comprise at least one individual flask containing a controlling agent.

5. An assembly as in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said storage flasks comprise an individual flask containing water.

6. An assembly as in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein said vessel contains a fixed bed and/or an expanded bed and/or a moving bed of immobilized living cells.

7. An assembly as in claim 6 wherein the living cells are immobilized on a porous carrier.

8. A continuous process for the manufacture of proteins from cultures of living cells in which process the nutrients and other agents required for the growth of the cells and the optimal production of the desired protein are fed into the reactor individually at a constant dilution rate.

9. A continuous process according to claim 8 wherein the protein is selected from the group consisting of catalase, lactase, phenoloxidase, oxidase, oxidoreductase, glucanase cellulase, xylanase and other polysaccharide, peroxidase, lipase, hydrolase, esterase, cutinase, protease and other proteolytic enzymes, aminopeptidase, carboxypeptidase, phytase, lyase, pectinase and other pectinolytic enzymes, amylase, glucosidase, mannosidase, isomerase, invertase, transferase, ribonuclease, chitinase, and desoxyribonuclease or the protein is selected from the group of therapeutic proteins such as antibodies, vaccines, antigens, or of antibacterial and/or health-beneficial proteins such as lactoternin, lactoperoxidase or lysozyme.

10. A continuous process according to claim 8 wherein the protein is selected from the group consisting of proteins having the activity of a therapeutic protein such as antibodies, vaccines, antigens.

11. A process as in any one of claims 8 to 10 wherein the cells are immobilized.

12. A process as in any one of claims 8 to 11 wherein the cell is a phytase-producing microorganism.

13. A process as in claim 12, wherein the phytase-producing microorganism is *Hansenula polymorpha*.

14. A process as in claim 13, wherein the phytase-producing microorganism is *Hansenula polymorpha* transformed by a DNA encoding a phytase of fungal or consensus origin.

15. A process as in any one of claims 8 to 14, wherein the cell or microorganism is in a fixed bed and/or an expanded bed and/or a moving bed on a porous carrier.

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16. A process as in any one of claims 8 to 15, wherein the carbon source is glycerol or a sugar like a mono-, di- or polysaccharide.

17. A process as in claim 16, wherein the carbon source is glucose.

18. A process as in any one of claims 8 to 15, wherein the carbon source is methanol.

19. A process as in any one of claims 8 to 15, wherein the carbon source is glucose and methanol.

20. A process as in 19, wherein the total amount of methanol and glucose is from about 10 to about 500 g/l each.

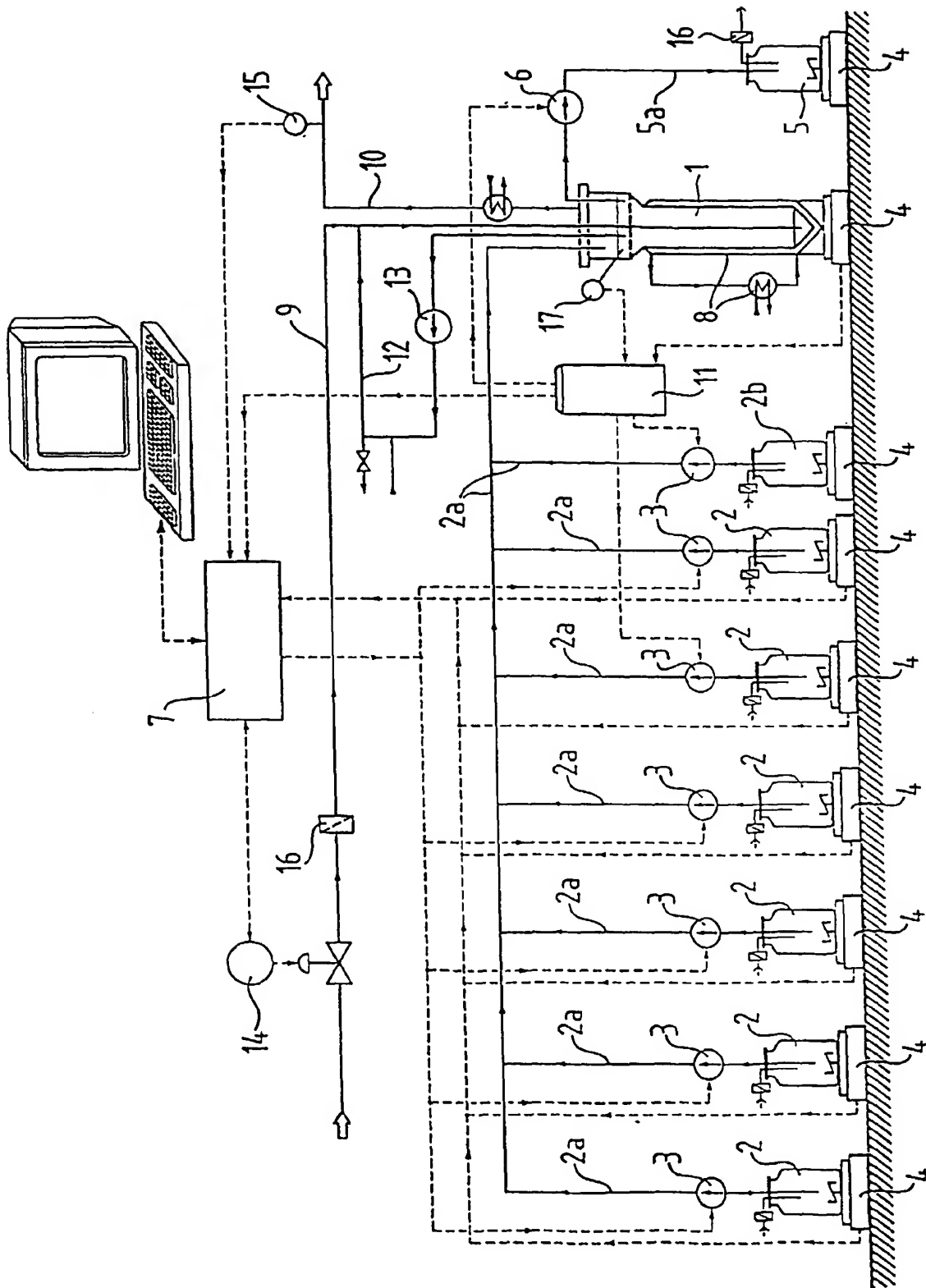


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 Consensus phytaseDATELSPFC ALFTHDEWRQ
 YDYLQSLGKY YGYGAGNPLG

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A. terreus 9A-1 PVQGVGWaNE LMARLTRAPV HDHTCVNNTL
 DASPATFPLN ATLYADFSHD
A. terreus cbs PVQGVGWaNE LIARLTRSPV HDHTCVNNTL
 DANPATFPLN ATLYADFSHD
A. niger var. *awamori* PTQGVGYaNE LIARLTHSPV HDDTSSNHTL
 DSNPATFPLN STLYADFSHD
A. niger T213 PTQGVGYaNE LIARLTHSPV HDDTSSNHTL
 DSNPATFPLN STLYADFSHD
A. niger NRRL3135 PTQGVGYaNE LIARLTHSPV HDDTSSNHTL
 DSSPATFPLN STLYADFSHD
A. fumigatus 13073 PAQGIGFtNE LIARLTRSPV QDHTSTNsTL
 vSNPATFPLN ATMYVDFSHD
A. fumigatus 32722 PAQGIGFtNE LIARLTRSPV QDHTSTNsTL
 vSNPATFPLN ATMYVDFSHD
A. fumigatus 58128 PAQGIGFtNE LIARLTRSPV QDHTSTNsTL
 vSNPATFPLN ATMYVDFSHD
A. fumigatus 26906 PAQGIGFtNE LIARLTRSPV QDHTSTNsTL
 vSNPATFPLN ATMYVDFSHD
A. fumigatus 32239 PAQGIGFtNE LIARLTNSPV QDHTSTNsTL
 DSDPATFPLN ATYVDFSHD
E. nidulans PAQGIGFtNE LIARLTQSPV QDNTSTNHTL
 DSNPATFPLD rKLYADFSHD
T. thermophilus PAQGVGFvNE LIARMTSPV QDYTTVNHTL
 DSNPATFPLN ATLYADFSHD
M. thermophila PTQGVGFvNE LLARLAGvPV RDgTSTNRTL
 DGDPrTFPLG rPLYADFSHD
 Consensus PAQGVGF-NE LIARLTHSPV QDHTSTNHTL
 DSNPATFPLN ATLYADFSHD
 Consensus phytase PAQGVGFANE LIARLTRSPV QDHTSTNHTL
 DSNPATFPLN ATLYADFSHD

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A. terreus 9A-1 SNLVSIFWAL GLYNGTAPLS qTSVESVSQT
 DGYAAAWTVP FAARAYVEMM
A. terreus cbs SNLVSIFWAL GLYNGTkPLS qTTVEDITrT
 DGYAAAWTVP FAARAYIEMM
A. niger var. *awamori* NGIISILFAL GLYNGTkPLS TTTVENITQT
 DGFSSAWTVP FASrLYVEMM
A. niger T213 NGIISILFAL GLYNGTkPLS TTTVENITQT
 DGFSSAWTVP FASrLYVEMM
A. niger NRRL3135 NGIISILFAL GLYNGTkPLS TTTVENITQT
 DGFSSAWTVP FASrLYVEMM
A. fumigatus 13073 NSMVSIFFAL GLYNGTEPLS rTSVESaKEl
 DGYSASWVVP FGARAYFetM
A. fumigatus 32722 NSMVSIFFAL GLYNGTGPLS rTSVESaKEl
 DGYSASWVVP FGARAYFetM
A. fumigatus 58128 NSMVSIFFAL GLYNGTEPLS rTSVESaKEl
 DGYSASWVVP FGARAYFetM
A. fumigatus 26906 NSMVSIFFAL GLYNGTEPLS rTSVESaKEl
 DGYSASWVVP FGARAYFetM
A. fumigatus 32239 NGMIPiFFAM GLYNGTEPLS qTSeESTKES
 NGYSASWAVP FGARAYFetM
E. nidulans NSMISiFFAM GLYNGTQPLS mDSVESIQEm
 DGYAASWTVP FGARAYFELM
T. thermophilus NTMTSiFaAL GLYNGTAKLS TTEIKSiEET
 DGYSAAWTVP FGGRAYIEMM
M. thermophila NDMMGVLgAL GaYDGVpPLD KTArrDpEEl
 GGYAASWAVP FAARiYVEKM

Consensus NSMISIFFAL GLYNGTAPLS TTSVESIEET
 DGYYASWTVP FGARAYVEMM
 Consensus phytase NSMISIFFAL GLYNGTAPLS TTSVESIEET
 DGYSASWTVP FGARAYVEMM

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450
A. terreus 9A-1 QC..... RAEKE PLVRVLVNDR
 VMPLHGCPD KLGRCKrDAF
A. terreus cbs QC..... RAEKQ PLVRVLVNDR
 VMPLHGCAVD NLGRCKrDDF
A. niger var. *awamori* QC..... QAEQE PLVRVLVNDR
 VVPLHGCPID aLGRCTrDSF
A. niger T213 QC..... QAEQE PLVRVLVNDR
 VVPLHGCPID aLGRCTrDSF
A. niger NRRL3135 QC..... QAEQE PLVRVLVNDR
 VVPLHGCPVD aLGRCTrDSF
A. fumigatus 13073 QC..... KSEKE PLVRALINDR
 VVPLHGCDVD KLGRCKLNDF
A. fumigatus 32722 QC..... KSEKE PLVRALINDR
 VVPLHGCDVD KLGRCKLNDF
A. fumigatus 58128 QC..... KSEKE SLVRALINDR
 VVPLHGCDVD KLGRCKLNDF
A. fumigatus 26906 QC..... KSEKE PLVRALINDR
 VVPLHGCDVD KLGRCKLNDF
A. fumigatus 32239 QC..... KSEKE PLVRALINDR
 VVPLHGCAVD KLGRCKLKDF
E. nidulans QC..... E.KKE PLVRVLVNDR
 VVPLHGCAVD KFGRCTLDDW
T. thermophilus QC..... DDSDE PVVRVLVNDR
 VVPLHGCEVD SLGRCKrDDF
M. thermophila RCsggggggg ggegrQEKDE eMVRVLVNDR
 VMTLkGCGAD ErGMCTLerF
 Consensus QC----- ----QAEKE PLVRVLVNDR
 VVPLHGCAVD KLGRCKLDDF
 Consensus phytase QC..... QAEKE PLVRVLVNDR
 VVPLHGCAVD KLGRCKRDDF

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A. terreus 9A-1 VAGLSFAQAG GNWADCF~~~ ~
A. terreus cbs VEGLSFARAG
 GNWAECF~~~ ~
A. niger var. *awamori* VrGLSFARSG GDWAECsA~~ ~
A. niger T213 VrGLSFARSG GDWAECFA~~ ~
A. niger NRRL3135 VrGLSFARSG
 GDWAECFA~~ ~
A. fumigatus 13073 VKGLSWARSG GNWGECS~~ ~
A. fumigatus 32722 VKGLSWARSG GNWGECS~~ ~
A. fumigatus 58128 VKGLSWARSG GNWGECS~~ ~
A. fumigatus 26906 VKGLSWARSG GNWGECS~~ ~
A. fumigatus 32239 VKGLSWARSG
 GNSEQSFS~~ ~
E. nidulans VEGLNfARSG GNWkTCFTl~ ~
T. thermophilus VrGLSFARqG GNWEGCYAas e
M. thermophila IESMAFARGN GKWDlCFA~~ ~
 Consensus VEGLSFARSG GNWAECFA-- ~
 Consensus phytase VEGLSFARSG GNWAECFA.. .

Figure 3

CP-1

Eco RI M G V F V V L L S I A T L F G S T
TATATGAATTCATGGGCGTGTTTCGTGCTACTGTCCATTGCCACCTTGTTTCGGTTCCA

1 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 60

ATATACTTAAGTACCCGCACAAGCAGCACGATGACAGGTAACGGTGGAACAAGCCAAGGT

S G T A L G P R G N S H S C D T V D G G
CATCCGGTACCGCCTTGGGTCCTCGTGGTAATTCTCACTCTTGTGACACTGTTGACGGTG

61 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 120

GTAGGCCATGGCGGAACCCAGGAGCACCATTAAAGAGTGAGAACACTGTGACAACTGCCAC

CP-2

CP-3

Y Q C F P E I S H L W G Q Y S P Y F S L
GTTACCAATGTTTCCCAGAAATTTCTCACTTGTGGGGTCAATACTCTCCATACTTCTCTT

121 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 180

CAATGGTTACAAAGGGTCTTTAAAGAGTGAACACCCCAGTTATGAGAGGTATGAAGAGAA

E D E S A I S P D V P D D C R V T F V Q
TGGAAGACGAATCTGCTATTTCTCCAGACGTTCCAGACGACTGTAGAGTTACTTTTCGTTC

181 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 240

ACCTTCTGCTTAGACGATAAAGAGGTCTGCAAGGTCTGCTGACATCTCAATGAAAGCAAG

CP-4

CP-5

V L S R H G A R Y P T S S K S K A Y S A
AAGTTTTGTCTAGACACGGTGCTAGATACCCAACCTTCTTCTAAGTCTAAGGCTTACTCTG

241 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 300

TTCAAAACAGATCTGTGCCACGATCTATGGGTTGAAGAAGATTCAGATTCGGAATGAGAC

L I E A I Q K N A T A F K G K Y A F L K

CTTTGATTGAAGCTATTCAAAGAACGCTACTGCTTTCAAGGGTAAGTACGCTTTCTTGA

301 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 360

GAAACTAACTTCGATAAGTTTTCTTGCGATGACGAAAGTTCCTTCATGCGAAAGAACT

CP-6

CP-7

T Y N Y T L G A D D L T P F G E N Q M V

AGACTTACAAC TACACTTTGGGTGCTGACGACTTGACTCCATTCGGTGAAAACCAAATGG

361 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 420

TCTGAATGTTGATGTGAAACCCACGACTGCTGAACTGAGGTAAGCCACTTTTGGTTTACC

N S G I K F Y R R Y K A L A R K I V P F

TTAACTCTGGTATTAAGTTCTACAGAAGATACAAGGCTTTGGCTAGAAAGATTGTTCCAT

421 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 480

AATTGAGACCATAATTCAAGATGTCTTCTATGTTCCGAAACCGATCTTTCTAACAAGGTA

CP-8

CP-9

I R A S G S D R V I A S A E K F I E G F

TCATTAGAGCTTCTGGTTCTGACAGAGTTATTGCTTCTGCTGAAAAGTTCATTGAAGGTT

481 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 540

AGTAATCTCGAAGACCAAGACTGTCTCAATAACGAAGACGACTTTTCAAGTAACTTCCAA

Q S A K L A D P G S Q P H Q A S P V I D
TCCAATCTGCTAAGTTGGCTGACCCAGGTTCTCAACCACACCAAGCTTCTCCAGTTATTG

541 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 600

AGGTTAGACGATTCAACCGACTGGGTCCAAGAGTTGGTGTGGTTCGAAGAGGTCAATAAC

CP-10

CP-11

V I I P E G S G Y N N T L D H G T C T A
ACGTTATTATTCCAGAAGGaTCcGGTTACAACAACACTTTGGACCACGGTACTTGTA

601 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 660

TGCAATAATAAGGTCTTCCTAGgCCAATGTTGTTGTGAAACCTGGTGCCATGAACATGAC

F E D S E L G D D V E A N F T A L F A P
CTTTCGAAGACTCTGAATTGGGTGACGACGTTGAAGCTAACTTCACTGCTTTGTTGCTC

661 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 720

GAAAGCTTCTGAGACTTAACCCACTGCTGCAACTTCGATTGAAGTGACGAAACAAGCGAG

CP-12

A I R A R L E A D L P G V T L T D E D V
CAGCTATTAGAGCTAGATTGGAAGCTGACTTGCCAGGTGTTACTTTGACTGACGAAGACG

721 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 780

GTCGATAATCTCGATCTAACCTTCGACTGAACGGTCCACAATGAACTGACTGCTTCTGC

CP-13

V Y L M D M C P F E T V A R T S D A T E
TTGTTTACTTGATGGACATGTGTCCATTGCGAACTGTTGCTAGAACTTCTGACGCTACTG

781 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 840

AACAAATGAACTACCTGTACACAGGTAAGCTTTGACAACGATCTTGAAGACTGCGATGAC

L S P F C A L F T H D E W R Q Y D Y . L Q

AATTGTCTCCATTCTGTGCTTTGTTCACTCACGACGAATGGAGACAATACGACTACTTGC

841 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 900

TTAACAGAGGTAAGACACGAAACAAGTGAGTGCTGCTTACCTCTGTTATGCTGATGAACG

CP-14

CP-15

S L G K Y Y G Y G A G N P L G P A Q G V

AATCTTTGGGTAAGTACTACGGTTACGGTGCTGGTAACCCATTGGGTCCAGCTCAAGGTG

901 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 960

TTAGAAACCCATTTCATGATGCCAATGCCACGACCATTGGGTAACCCAGGTGAGTTCCAC .

G F A N E L I A R L T R S P V Q D H T S

TTGGTTTCGCTAACGAATTGATTGCTAGATTGACTAGATCTCCAGTTCAAGACCACACTT

961 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 1020

AACCAAAGCGATTGCTTAACTAACGATCTAACTGATCTAGAGGTCAAGTTCTGGTGTGAA

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T N H T L D S N P A T F P L N A T L Y A

CTACTAACCCACACTTTGGACTCTAACCCAGCTACTTTCCCATTTGAACGCTACTTTGTACG

1021 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 1080

GATGATTGGTGTGAAACCTGAGATTGGGTGCGATGAAAGGGTAACTTGCGATGAAACATGC

D F S H D N S M I S I F F A L G L Y N G

CTGACTTCTCTCAGACAACCTCTATGATTTCTATTTTCTTCGCTTTGGGTTTGTACAACG

1081 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1140

GACTGAAGAGAGTGCTGTTGAGATACTAAAGATAAAAAGAAGCGAAACCCAAACATGTTGC

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CP-19

T A P L S T T S V E S I E E T D G Y S A

GTACTGCTCCATTGTCTACTACTTCTGTTGAATCTATTGAAGAACTGACGGTTACTCTG

1141 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1200

CATGACGAGGTAACAGATGATGAAGACAACCTTAGATAACTTCTTTGACTGCCAATGAGAC

S W T V P F G A R A Y V E M M Q C Q A E

CTTCTTGGAAGTGTTCATTGCGGTGCTAGAGCTTACGTTGAAATGATGCAATGTCAAGCTG

1201 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1260

GAAGAACCTGACAAGGTAAGCCACGATCTCGAATGCAACTTTACTACGTTACAGTTTCGAC

CP-20

CP-21

K E P L V R V L V N D R V V P L H G C A

AAAAGGAACCATTTGGTTAGAGTTTGGTTAACGACAGAGTTGTTCCATTGCACGGTTGTG

1261 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1320

TTTTCCTTGGTAACCAATCTCAAAACCAATTGCTGTCTCAACAAGGTAACGTGCCAACAC

V D K L G R C K R D D F V E G L S F A R

CTGTTGACAAGTTGGGTAGATGTAAGAGAGACGACTTCGTTGAAGGTTTGTCTTTCGCTA

1321 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

1380

GACAACTGTTCAACCCATCTACATTCTCTCTGCTGAAGCAACTTCCAAACAGAAAGCGAT

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S G G N W A E C F A * Eco RI

GATCTGGTGGTAACTGGGCTGAATGTTTCGCTTAAGAATTCATATA

1381 -----+-----+-----+-----+----- 1426

CTAGACCACCATTGACCCGACTTACAAAGCGAATTCTTAAGTATAT

Figure 4

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P. involutus (phyA1) SvP.KnTAPt FPIPeseQrn WSPYSPYFPL AeYkAPPAGC
QInQVNIQR

P. involutus (phyA2) SvP.RniAPK FSIPeseQrn WSPYSPYFPL AeYkAPPAGC
EInQVNIQR

T. pubescens hiPlRdTSAc LdVTrDvQqs WSmYSPYFPa AtYvAPPASC
QInQVHIIQR

A. pediades GgvvQaTfvQ pfFFpQIQds WAAYTPYYPV qaYtPPPkDC
KItQVNIQR

P. lycii StQfsfvAAQ LPIPaQntsn WGPYdPFFPV EpYaAPPEGC
tVtQVNIQR

Basidio S-P-R-TAAQ LPIP-Q-Q-- WSPYSPYFPV A-Y-APPAGC QI-
QVNIIQR

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P. involutus (phyA1) HGARFPTSGA TTRIKAGLTK LQGvqnftDA KFNFIkSfky
 dLGnsDLVPF

P. involutus (phyA2) HGARFPTSGA ATRIKAGLSK LQSvqnftDP KFDFIkSfTY
 dLGtsDLVPF

T. pubescens HGARFPTSGA AkRIQTAVAK LKAAsnyTDP lLAFVtNyTY
 sLGqDsLVeL

A. pediades HGARFPTSGA GTRIQAavkK LQSAktyTDP RLDFLtnyTY
 tLGhDDLVPF

P. lycii HGARWPTSGA rSRqvAAVAK IQmArpfTDP KYEFLnDfvY
 kFGvADLLPF

Basidio HGARFPTSGA ATRIQAavAK LQSA---TDP KLDFL-N-TY -LG-
DDLVPF

101

150

P. involutus (phyA1) GAaQSfdAGQ EAFARYSkLV SKNNLPFIRA dGSDRVVDSA
 TNWTAGFAsA

P. involutus (phyA2) GAaQSfdAGl EvFARYSkLV SsDNLPFIRS dGSDRVVDTA
 TNWTAGFAsA

T. pubescens GAtQSSEAGQ EAFTRYSSLV SaDELpFVRA SGSDRVVATA
 nNWTAGFA1A

A. pediades GAlQSSQAGE ETFqRYSfLV SkENLPFVRA SSSNRVVDSA
TNWTEGFSaA

P. lycii GAnQShQTGt DmYTRYStLf egGDVPFVRA AGdQRVVDSS
TNWTAGFGdA

Basidio **GA-QSSQAGQ EAFTRYs-LV S-DNLPPFVRA SGSDRVVDSA**
TNWTAGFA-A

151

200

P. involutus (phyA1) ShNTvqPkLn LILPQtGNDT LEDNMCPaAG DSDPQvNaWL
AVafPSITAR

P. involutus (phyA2) SrNAiqPkLd LILPQtGNDT LEDNMCPaAG ESDPQvDaWL
AsafPSVTAQ

T. pubescens SsNSitPvLs VIISEaGNDT LDDNMCPaAG DSDPQvNqWL
AqFAPPMTAR

A. pediades ShHvlnPiLf VILSEslNDT LDDaMCPnAG sSDPQtGiWt
SIYGTPIAnR

P. lycii SgETvlPtLq VVLqEeGNcT LcNNMCPnEv DGDest.tWL
GVFAPnITAR

Basidio **S-NT--P-L- VILSE-GNDT LDDNMCP-AG DSDPQ-N-WL**
AVFAPPITAR

201

250

P. involutus (phyA1) LNAAAPSVNL TDtDAfNLvs LCAFlTVSke kkSdFCtLFE
giPGsFeAFa

P. involutus (phyA2) LNAAAPGANL TDaDAfNLvs LCPFmTVSke qkSdFcLFE
giPGsFeAFa

T. pubescens LNAGAPGANL TDtDTyNLlt LCPFETVatE rrSeFCDIYE
elQAE.dAFa

A. pediades LNqqAPGANI TAaDvsNLip LCAFETIvKE tpSpFCNLF.
.tPEEFaqFe

P. lycii LNAAAPSANL SDsDAItLmd MCPFDTLSSG naSpFCDLF.
.tAEEYvSYe

Basidio LNAAAPGANL TD-DA-NL-- LCPFETVS-E --S-FCDLFE --PEEF-
AF-

251

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P. involutus (phyA1) YgGDLDKfYG TGYGQeLGPV QGVGYVNELI ARLTnsAVRD
NTQTNRTLDA

P. involutus (phyA2) YaGDLDKfYG TGYGQALGPV QGVGYINELL ARLTnsAVnD
NTQTNRTLDA

T. pubescens YnADLDKfYG TGYGQPLGPV QGVGYINELI ARLTaQnVsD
HTQTNsTLDS

A. pediades YfGDLDKfYG TGYGQPLGPV QGVGYINELL ARLTemPVRD
NTQTNRTLDS

P. lycii YyyDLdkYYG TGpGNALGPV QGVGYVNELL ARLTgQAVRD
ETQTNRTLDS

Basidio Y-GDLDKfYG TGYGQPLGPV QGVGYINELL ARLT-QAVRD
NTQTNRTLDS

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P. involutus (phyA1) SPvTFPLNKT FYADFSHDNl MVAVFSAMGL FrQPAPLsTS
vPNPwRTWrT

P. involutus (phyA2) APdTFPLNKT MYADFSHDNl MVAVFSAMGL FrQSAPLsTS
tPDPNRTWLT

T. pubescens SPeTFPLNRT LYADFSHDNQ MVAIFSAMGL FNQSAPLDPT
tPDPaRTFLV

A. pediades SP1TFPLDRS IYADLSHDNQ MIAIFSAMGL FNQSSPLDPS
fPNPKRTWVT

P. lycii dPaTFPLNRT FYADFSHDNt MVPIFAALGL FNAtA.LDPl
kPDeNRlWVd

Basidio SP-TFPLNRT FYADFSHDNQ MVAIFSAMGL FNQSAPLDPS -
PDPNRTWVT

351

400

P. involutus (phyA1) SsLVPFSGRM VVERLsC..f GT.....tkV
RVLVQDqVQP

P. involutus (phyA2) SsVVPFSARM aVERLsC..a GT.....tkV
RVLVQDqVQP

T. pubescens kKIVPFSARM VVERLdC..g GA.....qsV
RLLVNDVQVP

A. pediades SRLtPFSARM VtERLlCqrd GTgsggpsri mrngnvqtfV
RILVNDALQP

P. lycii SKLVPFSGHM tVEKLaC...sgkeaV
RVLVNDVQVP

Basidio SKLVPPFSARM VVERL-C--- GT-----V
 RVLVNDAVQP

401

441

P. involutus (phyA1) LEFCGGDrNG lCTLAKFVES QtFARsDGaG DFEKCFATSa ~
P. involutus (phyA2) LEFCGGDqDG lCALDkFVES QaYARsGGaG DFEKCLATTv ~
T. pubescens LAFCGADtsG vCTLDAFVES QaYARNDGEG DFEKCFAT~~ ~
A. pediades LKFCGGDmDS lCTLEAFVES QkYAREDGQG DFEKCFD~~~ ~
P. lycii LEFCGG.vDG vCeLsAFVES QtYARENGQG DFAKCGfvPs e

Basidio LEFCGGD-DG -CTLDAFVES Q-YAREDGQG DFEKCFATP- -

Figure 5

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| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 | KhSDCNSVDh GYQCfPELSH kWGLYAPYFS LqDESPFP1D |
| VPeDCHITFV | |
| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs | NhsdCtSVDr GYQCfPELSH kWGLYAPYFS LqDESPFP1D |
| VPdDCHITFV | |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> | NqsTCDTVDq GYQCfSEtSH LWGQYAPFFS LANESAISPD |
| VPaGCRVTFa | |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | NqsSCDTVDq GYQCfSEtSH LWGQYAPFFS LANESvISPE |
| VPaGCRVTFa | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> 13073 | GskSCDTVD1 GYQCSPAtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDE1SVSSK |
| LPkDCRITLV | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> 32722 | GskSCDTVD1 GYQCSPAtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDE1SVSSK |
| LPkDCRITLV | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> 58128 | GskSCDTVD1 GYQCSPAtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDE1SVSSK |
| LPkDCRITLV | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> 26906 | GskSCDTVD1 GYQCSPAtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDE1SVSSK |
| LPkDCRITLV | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> 32239 | GskACDTVE1 GYQCSPGtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDE1SVSSD |
| LPkDCRVTFV | |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | QNHSCNTaDG GYQCfPNVSH VWGQYSPYFS IEQESAISeD |
| VPhGceVTFV | |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | DSHSCNTVEG GYQCrPEISH sWGQYSPFFS LADQSEISPD |
| VPqNCKITFV | |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | ~~~~~ ----nvDIAR hWGQYSPFFS LAEvSEISPA |
| VPkGCRVeFV | |

M. thermophila
IPdDCeVTFa

ESRPCDTpDl GFQCgTAISH FWGQYSPYFS VPseIdaS..

Basidio
pPaGCQIxqV

xSxPxrxTAA qLPipxQxqx xWSPYSPYFP VAxyxA....

Consensus NSHSCD TVDG GYQC-PEISH LWGQYSPFFS LADESAISPD VP-
GCRVTFV

Fcp10 NSHSCD TVDG GYQCFPEISH LWGQYSPFFS LADESAISPD
VPKGCRVTFV

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A. terreus 9a1
QSYNYSLDSE

QVLARHGARs PThSKTKaYA AtIaAIQKSA TaFpGKYAFL

A. terreus cbs
KSYNYSMGSE

QVLARHGARs PTdSKTKaYA AtIaAIQKNA TaLpGKYAFL

A. niger var. *awamori* QVLSRHGARY PTeSKGKKYS ALIeEIQQNv TtFDGKYAFL
KTYNYSLGAD

A. niger NRRL3135 QVLSRHGARY PTdSKGKKYS ALIeEIQQNA TtFDGKYAFL
KTYNYSLGAD

A. fumigatus 13073 QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYk kLVtAIQaNA TdFKGKFAFL
KTYNYTLGAD

A. fumigatus 32722 QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYk kLVtAIQaNA TdFKGKFAFL
KTYNYTLGAD

A. fumigatus 58128 QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYk kLVtAIQaNA TdFKGKFAFL
KTYNYTLGAD

A. fumigatus 26906 QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYk kLVtAIQaNA TdFKGKFAFL
KTYNYTLGAD

A. fumigatus 32239 QVLSRHGARY PTASKSKKyk kLVtAIQKNA TeFKGKFAFL
ETYNyTLGAD

E. nidulans QVLSRHGARY PTeSKSKaYS GLIeAIQKNA TsFwGQYAFL
ESYNyTLGAD

T. thermophilus QLLSRHGARY PTSSKTELYS qLIsrIQKtA TaYKGyYAFL
KdYrYqLGAN

T. lanuginosa QVLSRHGARY PTAhKSEvYA ELLqrIQDtA TeFKGDFAFL
RdYaYhLGAD

M. thermophila QVLSRHGARA PtlkRAasYv DLIdrIHhGA isYgPgYEFL
RTYDYTLGAD

Basidio NIIqRHGARF PTSGaAtRiq AaVakLQsax xxtDPKLDFL
xnxtYxLGxD

Consensus QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYS ALI-AIQKNA T-FKGKYAFL
KTYNyTLGAD

Fcp10 QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYS ALIEAIQKNA TAFKGKYAFL
KTYNyTLGAD

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A. terreus 9a1 ELTPFGrNQL rDlGaQFYeR YNAL.TRhIn PFVRATDAsR
VhESAeKFVE

A. terreus cbs NLTPFGrNQL qDlGaQFYRR YDTL.TRhIn PFVRAADSSr
VhESAeKFVE

A. niger var. *awamori* DLTPFGEQEL VNSGIKFYQR YESL.TRnII PFIRSSGSsR
VIASGEKFIE

A. niger NRRL3135 DLTPFGEQEL VNSGIKFYQR YESL.TRnIV PFIRSSGSsR
VIASGKKFIE

A. fumigatus 13073 DLTPFGEQQL VNSGIKFYQR YKAL.ARsVV PFIRASGSDR
VIASGEKFIE

A. fumigatus 32722 DLTPFGEQQL VNSGIKFYQR YKAL.ARsVV PFIRASGSDR
VIASGEKFIE

A. fumigatus 58128 DLTPFGEQQL VNSGIKFYQR YKAL.ARsVV PFIRASGSDR
VIASGEKFIE

A. fumigatus 26906 DLTAfGEQQL VNSGIKFYQR YKAL.ARsVV PFIRASGSDR
VIASGEKFIE

A. fumigatus 32239 DLTPFGEQQM VNSGIKFYQK YKAL.AgsVV PFIRSSGSDR
VIASGEKFIE

E. nidulans DLTiFGENQM VDSGaKFYRR YKnL.Arknt PFIRASGSDR
VVASAEKFIN

T. thermophilus DLTPFGENQM IQlGIKFYnH YKSL.ARnaV PFVRCSGSDR
VIASGr1FIE

T. lanuginosa NLTRFGEEQM MESGrQFYHR YREq.AReIV PFVRAAGSAR
VIASAEfFnr

M. thermophila ELTRtGQQQM VNSGIKFYRR YRAL.ARksI PFVRTAGqDR
VhSAENFtQ

Basidio DLvPFGAxQs sQAGqEaFtR YsxLvSxdnL PFVRASGSDR
VVDSAtNWtA

Consensus DLTPFGEQQM VNSGIKFYRR YKAL-AR-IV PFVRASGSDR
VIASAEKFIE

Fcp10 DLTPFGEQQM VNSGIKFYRR YKAL.ARkIV PFVRASGSDR
VIASAEKFIE

151

200

A. terreus 9a1 GFQTARqDDh hAnphQPSPr VDVaIPEGsA YNNTLEHSLC
TAFes...St

A. terreus cbs GFQNARqGDP hAnphQPSPr VDVVIPEGtA YNNTLEHSIC
TAFEa...St

A. niger var. *awamori* GFQSTKLkDP rAqpgQSSPk IDVWISEAsS sNNTLDpGtC
TvFed...SE

A. niger NRRL3135 GFQSTKLkDP rAqpgQSSPk IDVWISEAsS sNNTLDpGtC
TvFed...SE

A. fumigatus 13073 GFQqAKLADP gAt.nRAAPa ISVIIPESet FNNTLDHGVC
TkFEa...SQ

A. fumigatus 32722 GFQqAKLADP gAt.nRAAPa ISVIIPESet FNNTLDHGVC
TkFEa...SQ

A. fumigatus 58128 GFQqAKLADP gAt.nRAAPa ISVIIPESet FNNTLDHGVC
TkFEa...SQ

A. fumigatus 26906 GFQqAKLADP gAt.nRAAPa ISVIIPESet FNNTLDHGVC
TkFEa...SQ

A. fumigatus 32239 GFQqANVADP gAt.nRAAPV ISVIIPESet YNNTLDHSVC
TnFEa...SE

E. nidulans GFRkAQLhDh g.s.gQATPV VNVIPEidG FNNTLDHStC
vSFEn...dE

T. thermophilus GFQSAKVlDP hSdkhDAPPt INVIIeEGpS YNNTLDtGsC
PvFed...Ss

T. lanuginosa GFQdAKdrDP rSnkdQAePV INVIISEEtG sNNTLDgltC
PAaEe...Ap

M. thermophila GFHSALLADR gStvrPTlPy dmVVIPETaG aNNTLHNDLC
TAFEegPySt

Basidio GFaxA..... ..sxntxxPx LxVILSExg. .NDTLDDNMC
.....PxAG

Consensus GFQSAKLADP -A---QASPV INVIIPEG-G YNNTLDHGLC
TAFE--P-SE

Fcp10 GFQSAKLADP GANPHQASPV INVIIPEGAG YNNTLDHGLC
TAFEE...SE

201

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A. terreus 9a1 VGDDavANFT AVFAPAIaqR LEAdLPGVQL StDDVVNLMA
MCPFETVS1T

A. terreus cbs VGDAaADNFT AVFAPAIakR LEAdLPGVQL SADDVVNLMA
MCPFETVS1T

A. niger var. *awamori* LADtVEANFT AtFAPSIRqR LEndLSGVtL TDtEVtyLMD
MCSFDTIS1S

A. niger NRRL3135 LADtVEANFT AtFvPSIRqR LEndLSGVtL TDtEVtyLMD
MCSFDTIS1S

A. fumigatus 13073 LGDEVAANFT ALFAPdIRAR aEkhlPGVtL TDEDVVS1MD
MCSFDTVArT

A. fumigatus 32722 LGDEVAANFT ALFAPdIRAR aEkhlPGVtL TDEDVVS1MD
MCSFDTVArT

A. fumigatus 58128 LGDEVAANFT ALFAPdIRAR aEkhlPGVtL TDEDVVS1MD
MCSFDTVArT

A. fumigatus 26906 LGDEVAANFT ALFAPdIRAR aKkhLPGVtL TDEDVVS1MD
MCSFDTVArT

A. fumigatus 32239 LGDEVEANFT ALFAPAIRAR IEkhLPGVQL TDDDVS1MD
MCSFDTVArT

E. nidulans rADEIEANFT AIMGPPIRkR LEndLPGIKL TNENViYlMD
MCSFDTMaRT

T. thermophilus gGHDaQEKF A kqFAPAIleK IKDhLPGVDL AvsDVpyLMD
LCPFETLaRn

T. lanuginosa .DptqpAEFl qVFGPRVlkK ItkhMPGVNL TlEDVplFMD
LCPFDTVGSd

M. thermophila IGDDaQDtYl StFAGPItAR VNAnLPGaNL TDADtVaLMD
LCPFETVAsS

Basidio dSDpqxnXWl AVFAPPItAR LNAAA PGaNL TDxDaxNLxx
LCPFETVS..

Consensus LGDDVEANFT AVFAPPiRAR LEA-LPGVNL TDEDVVNLMD
MCPFDTVA-T

Fcp10 LGDDVEANFT AVFAPPiRAR LEAHLPGVNL TDEDVVNLMD
MCPFDTVART

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A. terreus 9a1 dD..Aht... ..LSPF CDLFta..tE WtQYNYLlSL
dKYYGYGGGN

A. terreus cbs dD..Aht... ..LSPF CDLFta..aE WtQYNYLlSL
dKYYGYGGGN

A. niger var. *awamori* Tv..DTK... ..LSPF CDLFTH..dE WiHYDYlQSL
kKYYGHGAGN

A. niger NRRL3135 Tv..DTK... ..LSPF CDLFTH..dE WiNYDYlQSL
kKYYGHGAGN

A. fumigatus 13073 SD..ASQ... ..LSPF CQLFTH..nE WkKYNYlQSL
gKYYGYGAGN

A. fumigatus 32722 SD..ASQ... ..LSPF CQLFTH..nE WkKYNYLQSL
gKYYGYGAGN

A. fumigatus 58128 SD..ASQ... ..LSPF CQLFTH..nE WkKYNYLQSL
gKYYGYGAGN

A. fumigatus 26906 SD..ASQ... ..LSPF CQLFTH..nE WkKYNYLQSL
gKYYGYGAGN

A. fumigatus 32239 AD..ASE... ..LSPF CAIFTH..nE WkKYDYLQSL
gKYYGYGAGN

E. nidulans AH..GTE... ..LSPF CAIFTE..kE WlQYDYLQSL
sKYYGYGAGS

T. thermophilus ht..DT.... ..LSPF CALsTQ..eE WqaYDYYQSL
gKYYGnGGGN

T. lanuginosa PvlfPrQ... ..LSPF CHLFTa..dD WmaYDYYyTL
dKYYSHGGGS

M. thermophila SsdpaTadag ggnggrpLSPF CrLFSE..sE WraYDYLQSV
gKWYGYGPGN

BasidioxexxSxF CDLFexxpeE FxaFxYxgdL
dKFYGTGyGQ

Consensus SD--ATQ--- -----LSPF CDLFTH---E W-QYDYLQSL -
KYYGYGAGN

Fcp10 SD..ATQ... ..LSPF CDLFTH..DE WlQYDYLQSL
GKYYGYGAGN

301

350

A. terreus 9a1 PLGPvQGVGW aNELMARLTR A.PVHDHTCv NNTLDASPAT
FPLNATLYAD

A. terreus cbs PLGPvQGVGW aNELIARLTR S.PVHDHTCv NNTLDANPAT
FPLNATLYAD

A. niger var. *awamori* PLGPTQGVGY aNELIARLTH S.PVHDDTSS NHTLDsNPAT
FPLNSTLYAD

A. niger NRRL3135 PLGPTQGVGY aNELIARLTH S.PVHDDTSS NHTLDSSPAT
FPLNSTLYAD

A. fumigatus 13073 PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTR S.PVQDHTST NsTLvSNPAT
FPLNATMYvD

A. fumigatus 32722 PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTR S.PVQDHTST NsTLvSNPAT
FPLNATMYvD

A. fumigatus 58128 PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTR S.PVQDHTST NsTLvSNPAT
FPLNATMYvD

A. fumigatus 26906 PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTR S.PVQDHTST NsTLvSNPAT
FPLNATMYvD

A. fumigatus 32239 PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTN S.PVQDHTST NsTLdSDPAT
FPLNATIYvD

E. nidulans PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTQ S.PVQDNTST NHTLDsNPAT
FPLDrkLYAD

T. thermophilus PLGPAQGVGF vNELIARMTH S.PVQDYTTv NHTLDsNPAT
FPLNATLYAD

T. lanuginosa AFGPSRGVGF vNELIARMTg NlPVKDHTTv NHTLDdNPET
FPLDAvLYAD

M. thermophila PLGPTQGVGF vNELLARLA. GvPVRDgTST NRTLdGDPPrT
FPLGrPLYAD

Basidio PLGPvQGVGY iNELLARLTx qa.VRDNTqT NRTLdSSPxT
FPLNrTFYAD

Consensus PLGPAQGVGF -NELIARLTH S-PVQDHTST NHTLDsNPAT
FPLNATLYAD

Fcp10 PLGPAQGVGF VNELIARLTH S.PVQDHTST NHTLDSNPAT
FPLNATLYAD

351

400

A. terreus 9a1 FSHDSnLVSI FWALGLYNGT aPLSqTSVE. .SvsQTDGYA
AAWTVPFAR

A. terreus cbs FSHDSnLVSI FWALGLYNGT kPLSqTTVE. .ditrTDGYA
AAWTVPFAR

A. niger var. *awamori* FSHDNGIISI LFALGLYNGT kPLSTTTVE. .NitQTDGFS
SAWTVPFASR

A. niger NRRL3135 FSHDNGIISI LFALGLYNGT kPLSTTTVE. .NitQTDGFS
SAWTVPFASR

A. fumigatus 13073 FSHDNSMVSI FFALGLYNGT ePLSrTSVE. .SaKElDGYS
ASWvVPFGAR

A. fumigatus 32722 FSHDNSMVSI FFALGLYNGT gPLSrTSVE. .SaKElDGYS
ASWvVPFGAR

A. fumigatus 58128 FSHDNSMVSI FFALGLYNGT ePLSrTSVE. .SaKElDGYS
ASWvVPFGAR

A. fumigatus 26906 FSHDNSMVSI FFALGLYNGT ePLSrTSVE. .SaKElDGYS
ASWvVPFGAR

A. fumigatus 32239 FSHDNGMIPI FFAMGLYNGT ePLSqTSeE. .StKESNGYS
ASWAVPFGAR

E. nidulans FSHDNSMISI FFAMGLYNGT qPLSmdSVE. .SiQEmDGYA
ASWTVPFAR

T. thermophilus FSHDNTMtSI FaALGLYNGT akLSTTeIK. .SiEETDGYS
AAWTVPFGR

T. lanuginosa FSHDNTMtGI FsAMGLYNGT kPLSTSkIQP pTgAAADGYA
ASWTVPFAR

M. thermophila FSHDNdMMGV LgALGaYDgv pPLdkTA..R rdpEElGGYA
ASWAVPFAAR

Basidio FSHDNqMVAI FsAMGLFNqS aPLdPSxpDP nrt.....Wv
TSklVPFSAR

Consensus FSHDNTMVSI FFALGLYNGT -PLSTTSVEP -S-EETDGYA
ASWTVPFAAR

Fcp10 FSHDNTMVSI FFALGLYNGT KPLSTTSVE. .SIEETDGYA
ASWTVPFAAR

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A. terreus 9a1 AYVEMMQC.. ra.....EKEPL VRVLVNDVRM
PLHGCPtDKL

A. terreus cbs AYIEMMQC.. ra.....EKQPL VRVLVNDVRM
PLHGCAVDNL

A. niger var. *awamori* lYVEMMQC.. Qa.....EQEPL VRVLVNDRVV
PLHGCPIDaL

A. niger NRRL3135 lYVEMMQC.. Qa.....EQEPL VRVLVNDRVV
PLHGCPVDaL

A. fumigatus 13073 AYfEtMQC.. Ks.....EKEPL VRaLINDRVV
PLHGCDVDKL

A. fumigatus 32722 AYfEtMQC.. Ks.....EKEPL VRaLINDRVV
PLHGCDVDKL

A. fumigatus 58128 AYfEtMQC.. Ks.....EKESL VRaLINDRVV
PLHGCDVDKL

A. fumigatus 26906 AYfEtMQC.. Ks.....EKEPL VRaLINDRVV
PLHGCDVDKL

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A. fumigatus 32239 AYfEtMQC.. Ks..... EKEPL VRaLINDRVV
PLHGCAVDKL

E. nidulans AYfELMQC.. E..... KKEPL VRVLVNDRVV
PLHGCAVDKF

T. thermophilus AYIEMMQC.. Dd..... sDEPV VRVLVNDRVV
PLHGCEVDsL

T. lanuginosa AYVELLRC.. Etetsseeee EG... EDEPF VRVLVNDRVV
PLHGCrVDRW

M. thermophila iYVEkMRC.. sggggggggg EGrqeKDEeM VRVLVNDRVM
TLkGCGaDEr

Basidio mvVErLxCxx xgtxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx VRVLVNDaVq
PLEfCGgDxd

Consensus AYVEMMQC-- E----- EG---EKEPL VRVLVNDRVV
PLHGCGVDKL

Fcp10 AYVEMMQC.. EA..... EKEPL VRVLVNDRVV
PLHGCGVDKL

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A. terreus 9a1 GRCKrDAFVA GLSFAQAG.. GNWADCF~~~ ~~

A. terreus cbs GRCKrDDFVE GLSFARAG.. GNWAECF~~~ ~~

A. niger var. *awamori* GRCtrDsFVr GLSFARSG.. GDWAECsA~~ ~~

A. niger NRRL3135 GRCtrDsFVr GLSFARSG.. GDWAECFA~~ ~~

A. fumigatus 13073 GRCKlNDFVK GLSWARSG.. GNWGECFS~~ ~~

A. fumigatus 32722 GRCKlNDFVK GLSWARSG.. GNWGECFS~~ ~~

A. fumigatus 58128 GRCKlNDFVK GLSWARSG.. GNWGECFS~~ ~~

A. fumigatus 26906 GRCKlNDFVK GLSWARSG.. GNWGECFS~~ ~~

A. fumigatus 32239 GRCKlkDFVK GLSWARSG.. GNSEQSFS~~ ~~

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | GRCtlDDWVE GLNFARSG.. GNWKECFTl~ -- |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | GRCKrDDFVr GLSFARqG.. GNWEGCYAas e~ |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | GRCRrDEWIK GLTFARqG.. GHWDrCF~~~ -- |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> | GmCtlErFIE SMAFARGN.. GKWDlCFA~~ -- |
| Basidio | GxCtlDAFVE SqxYAReDgq GDFEKCFAtp xx |

Consensus GRCK-DDFVE GLSFARSG-- GNWEECFA-- --

Fcp10 GRCKRDDFVE GLSFARSG.. GNWEECFA... ..

Figure 6

CP-1

Eco RI M G V F V V L L S I A T L F G S T 17
TATATGAATTCATGGGCGTGTTCGTGCTACTGTCCATTGCCACCTGTTCGGTTCCA
1 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 60
ATATACTTAAGTACCCGCACAAGCAGCACGATGACAGGTAACGGTGGAAACAAGCCAAGGT
S G T A L G P R G N S H S C D T V D G G 37
CATCCGGTACCGCCTTGGGTCCTCGTGGAATTCTCACTCTTGAGACTGTTGACGGTG
61 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 120
GTAGGCCATGGCGGAACCCAGGAGCACCATTAAAGAGTGAGAACACTGTGACAACTGCCAC

CP-2

CP-3.10

Y Q C F P E I S H L W G Q Y S P F F S L 57
GTTACCAATGTTTCCAGAAATTTCTCACTTGTGGGGTCAATACTCTCCATTCTTCTCTT
121 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 180

CAATGGTTACAAAGGGTCTTTAAAGAGTGAACACCCCAGTTATGAGAGGTAAGAAGAGAA

A D E S A I S P D V P K G C R V T F V Q 77

TGGCTGACGAATCTGCTATTTCTCCAGACGTTCCAAAGGGTTGTAGAGTTACTTTTCGTTT

181 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 240

ACCGACTGCTTAGACGATAAAGAGGTCTGCAAGGTTTCCCGACATCTCAATGAAAGCAAG

CP-4.10

CP-5.10

V L S R H G A R Y P T S S K S K K Y S A 97

AAGTTTTGTCTAGACACGGTGCTAGATACCCAACCTTCTTCTAAGTCTAAGAAGTACTCTG

241 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 300

TTCAAAACAGATCTGTGCCACGATCTATGGGTTGAAGAAGATTCAGATTCTTCATGAGAC

L I E A I Q K N A T A F K G K Y A F L K 117

CTTTGATTGAAGCTATTCAAAAGAACGCTACTGCTTTCAAGGGTAAGTACGCTTTCTTGA

301 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 360

GAAACTAACTTCGATAAGTTTTCTTGCGATGACGAAAGTCCCATTTCATGCGAAAGAACT

CP-6

CP-7.10

T Y N Y T L G A D D L T P F G E Q Q M V 137

AGACTTACAACCTACACTTTGGGTGCTGACGACTTGACTCCATTCGGTGAACAACAAATGG

361 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 420

TCTGAATGTTGATGTGAAACCCACGACTGCTGAACTGAGGTAAGCCACTTGTGTTTACC

N S G I K F Y R R Y K A L A R K I V P F 157

TTAACTCTGGTATTAAGTTCTACAGAAGATACAAGGCTTTGGCTAGAAAAGATTGTTCCAT

421 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 480

AATTGAGACCATAATTCAAGATGTCTTCTATGTTCCGAAACCGATCTTTCTAACAAGGTA

CP-8.10

CP-9.10

V R A S G S D R V I A S A E K F I E G F 177
TCGTTAGAGCTTCTGGTTCTGACAGAGTTATTGCTTCTGCTGAAAAGTTCATTGAAGGTT

481 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 540

AGCAATCTCGAAGACCAAGACTGTCTCAATAACGAAGACGACTTTTCAAGTAACTTCCAA

Q S A K L A D P G A N P H Q A S P V I N 197
TCCAATCTGCTAAGTTGGCTGACCCAGGTGCTAACCACACCAAGCTTCTCCAGTTATTA

541 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 600

AGGTTAGACGATTCAACCGACTGGGTCCACGATTGGGTGTGGTTCGAAGAGGTCAATAAT

CP-10.10

CP-11.10

V I I P E G A G Y N N T L D H G L C T A 217
ACGTTATTATTCCAGAAGGTGCTGGTTACAACAACACTTTGGACCACGGTTTGTGTACTG

601 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 660

TGCAATAATAAGGTCTTCCACGACCAATGTTGTTGTGAAACCTGGTGCCAAACACATGAC

F E E S E L G D D V E A N F T A V F A P 237
CTTTCGAAGAATCTGAATTGGGTGACGACGTTGAAGCTAACTTCACTGCTGTTTTCGCTC

661 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 720

GAAAGCTTCTTAGACTTAACCCACTGCTGCAACTTCGATTGAAGTGACGACAAAAGCGAG

CP-12.10

P I R A R L E A H L P G V N L T D E D V 257

CACCTATTAGAGCTAGATTGGAAGCTCACTTGCCAGGTGTTAACTGACTGACGAAGACG

721 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 780

GTGGATAATCTCGATCTAACCTTCGAGTGAACGGTCCACAATTGAACTGACTGCTTCTGC

CP-13.10

V N L M D M C P F D T V A R T S D A T Q 277

TTGTTAACTTGATGGACATGTGTCCATTTCGACACTGTTGCTAGAACTTCTGACGCTACTC

781 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 840

AACAATTGAACTACCTGTACACAGGTAAGCTGTGACAACGATCTTGAAGACTGCGATGAG

L S P F C D L F T H D E W I Q Y D Y L Q 297

AATTGTCTCCATTCTGTGACTTGTTCACTCACGACGAATGGATTCAATACGACTACTTGC

841 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 900

TTAACAGAGGTAAGACACTGAACAAGTGAGTGCTTGCTTACCTAAGTTATGCTGATGAACG

CP-14.10CP-15.10

S L G K Y Y G Y G A G N P L G P A Q G V 317

AATCTTTGGGTAAGTACTACGGTTACGGTGCTGGTAACCCATTGGGTCCAGCTCAAGGTG

901 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 960

TTAGAAACCCATTCATGATGCCAATGCCACGACCATTGGGTAACCCAGGTCGAGTTCCAC

G F V N E L I A R L T H S P V Q D H T S 337

TTGGTTTCGTTAACGAATTGATTGCTAGATTGACTCACTCTCCAGTTCAAGACCACACTT

961 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1020

AACCAAAGCAATTGCTTAACTAACGATCTAACTGAGTGAGAGGTCAAGTTCTGGTGTGAA

CP-16.10

CP-17.10

T N H T L D S N P A T F P L N A T L Y A 357

CTACTAACCACACTTTGGACTCTAACCAGCTACTTTCCCATGAACGCTACTTTGTACG

1021 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1080

GATGATTGGTGTGAAACCTGAGATTGGGTCGATGAAAGGGTAACTTGCATGAAACATGC

D F S H D N T M V S I F F A L G L Y N G 377

CTGACTTCTCTCAGACAACACTATGGTTTCTATTTTCTTCGCTTTGGGTTTGTACAACG

1081 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1140

GACTGAAGAGAGTGCTGTTGTGATACCAAAGATAAAAGAAGCGAAACCCAAACATGTTGC

CP-18.10

CP-19.10

T K P L S T T S V E S I E E T D G Y A A 397

GTACTAAGCCATTGTCTACTACTTCTGTTGAATCTATTGAAGAACTGACGGTTACGCTG

1141 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1200

CATGATTCCGTAACAGATGATGAAGACAACTTAGATAACTTCTTTGACTGCCAATGCGAC

S W T V P F A A R A Y V E M M Q C E A E 417

CTTCTTGGA CTGTTCCATTGCTGCTAGAGCTTACGTTGAAATGATGCAATGTGAAGCTG
 1201 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1260
 GAAGAACCTGACAAGGTAAGCCACGATCTCGAATGCAACTTTACTACGTTACACTTCGAC

 CP-20.10
 CP-21.10

 K E P L V R V L V N D R V V P L H G C G 437
 AAAAGGAACCATTTGGTTAGAGTTTTGGTTAACGACAGAGTTGTTCCATTGCACGGTTGTG
 1261 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1320
 TTTTCCTTGGTAAACCAATCTCAAAACCAATTGCTGTCTCAACAAGGTAACGTGCCAACAC

 V D K L G R C K R D D F V E G L S F A R 457
 GTGTTGACAAGTTGGGTAGATGTAAGAGAGACGACTTCGTTGAAGGTTTGTCTTTCGCTA
 1321 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1380
 CACAACCTGTTCAACCCATCTACATTCTCTCTGCTGAAGCAACTTCCAAACAGAAAGCGAT

 CP-22.10
 S G G N W E E C F A * Eco RI 467
 GATCTGGTGGTAACTGGGAAGAATGTTTCGCTTAAGAATTCATATA
 1381 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+----- 1426
 CTAGACCACCATTGACCCTTCTTACAAAGCGAATTCTTAAGTATAT

Figure 7

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P. involutus (phyA1) ~~~~~~ ~FPipeseqR nWSPYSPYFP LAEyKA....
 pPaGCQInqV

P. involutus (phyA2) ~~~~~~ ~FsipeseqR nWSPYSPYFP LAEyKA....
 pPaGCeInqV

T. pubescens ~~~~~~ ~LDvtRDVqQ sWSmYSPYFP aAtyvA....
 pPaSCQInqV

A. pediades ~~~~~~ ~pffpPQIqD sWAaYTPYYP VqAyTP....
 pPKDCKITqV

P. lycii ~~~~~~ ~LPipAQnTs nWGPYdPFFP VEpyAA....
 pPEGCTVTqV

A. terreus 9a1 KhSDCNSVDh GYQCfPELSH kWGlYAPYFS LqDESPFP1D
 VPEDCHITFV

A. terreus cbs NhSDCtSVDr GYQCfPELSH kWGlYAPYFS LqDESPFP1D
 VPDDCHITFV

A. niger var. *awamori* NqSTCDTVDq GYQCfSEtSH LWGQYAPFFS LANESAISPD
 VPaGCRVTFa

A. niger T213 NqSSCDTVDq GYQCfSEtSH LWGQYAPFFS LANESvISPD
 VPaGCRVTFa

A. niger NRRL3135 NqSSCDTVDq GYQCfSEtSH LWGQYAPFFS LANESvISPE
 VPaGCRVTFa

A. fumigatus ATCC13073 GSkSCDTVD1 GYQCSPAtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDElSVSSK
 LPKDCRITLV

A. fumigatus ATCC32722 GSkSCDTVD1 GYQCSPAtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDElSVSSK
 LPKDCRITLV

A. fumigatus ATCC58128 GSkSCDTVD1 GYQCSPAtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDElSVSSK
 LPKDCRITLV

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| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 | GSkSCDTVDl GYQCSPAtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDElSVSSK LPKDCRITLV |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 | GSkACDTVEl GYQCSPGtSH LWGQYSPFFS LEDElSVSSD LPKDCRVTFV |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | QNHSCNTaDg GYQCfPNVSH VWGQYSPYFS IEQESAISeD VPhGCeVTFV |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | DSHSCNTVEg GYQCrPEISH sWGQYSPFFS LADQSEISPD VPQNCKITFV |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | ----- ~~~~nVDIAR hWGQYSPFFS LAEvSEISPA VPKGCRVeFV |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> | ESRPCDTpDl GFQCgTAISH FWGQYSPYFS VPSElDaS.. IPDDCeVTFa |
| Consensus Seq. 11 | NSHSCDTVD- GYQC-PEISH LWGQYSPFFS LADESAISPD VPKGCRVTFV |
| | 51 |
| 100 | |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA1) | NIIqRHGARF PTSGaTtRik AgLtKLQgvq nftDAKFnFI KSFKYdLGns |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA2) | NIIqRHGARF PTSGaAtRik AgLsKLQsvq nftDPKFDFI KSftYdLGts |
| <i>T. pubescens</i> | HIIqRHGARF PTSGaAKRiq TaVAKLKaaS nytDPllAFV tnYtYSLGqD |
| <i>A. pediades</i> | NIIqRHGARF PTSGaGtRiq AaVKKLQsak TytDPRLDFL tnYtYTLGhD |
| <i>P. lycii</i> | NLIqRHGARW PTSGarsRqv AaVAKIQmar PftDPKYEFL NdFvYkFGvA |

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| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 | QVLARHGARs PThSKTKaYA AtIAaIQKSA TaFpGKYAFL QSYNYSLDSE |
| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs | QVLARHGARs PTdSKTKaYA AtIAaIQKNA TaLpGKYAFL KSYNYSMGSE |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> | QVLSRHGARY PTeSKGKKYS ALIEeIQQNv TtFDGKYAFL KTYNYSLGAD |
| <i>A. niger</i> T213 | QVLSRHGARY PTeSKGKKYS ALIEeIQQNv TtFDGKYAFL KTYNYSLGAD |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | QVLSRHGARY PTdSKGKKYS ALIEeIQQNA TtFDGKYAFL KTYNYSLGAD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 | QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYk kLVtaIQaNA TdFKGKFAFL KTYNYTLGAD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 | QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYk kLVtaIQaNA TdFKGKFAFL KTYNYTLGAD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC58128 | QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYk kLVtaIQaNA TdFKGKFAFL KTYNYTLGAD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 | QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYk kLVtaIQaNA TdFKGKFAFL KTYNYTLGAD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 | QVLSRHGARY PTASKSKKYk kLVtaIQKNA TeFKGKFAFL ETNYNYTLGAD |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | QVLSRHGARY PTeSKSKaYS GLIEaIQKNA TsFwGQYAFL ESYNYTLGAD |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | QLLSRHGARY PTSSKTELYS qLIIsRIQKtA TayKGyYAFL KdYrYqLGAN |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | QVLSRHGARY PTAhKSEvYA ELLQRIQDtA TeFKGDFAFL RdYaYhLGAD |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> | QVLSRHGARA PtlkRAasYv DLIDRIHhGA isYgPgYEFL RTYDYTLGAD |

Consensus Seq. 11
KTINYTLGAD

QVLSRHGARY PTSSKSKKYS ALIERIQKNA T-FKGKYAFL

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| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA1) | DLvPFGAAQs fDAGqEaFaR YskLvSKNnL PFIRAdGSDR VVDSAtNWtA |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA2) | DLvPFGAAQs fDAGLEvFaR YskLvSsDnL PFIRSdGSDR VVDTAtNWtA |
| <i>T. pubescens</i> | sLveLGAtQs sEAGqEaFtR YsSLvSaDeL PFVRASGSDR VVATANNWtA |
| <i>A. pediades</i> | DLvPFGAlQs sQAGeEtFQR YsfLvSKEnL PFVRASSSNR VVDSAtNWtE |
| <i>P. lycii</i> | DLlPFGANQs hQTGtDMYtR YsTLfEgGdV PFVRAAGdQR VVDSSStNWtA |
| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 | ELTPFGrNQL rDlGaQFYeR YNAL.TRHIn PFVRATDAsR VhESAeKFVE |
| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs | NLTPFGrNQL qDlGaQFYRR YDTL.TRHIn PFVRAADSSr VhESAeKFVE |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> | DLTPFGEQEL VNsgIKFYQR YESL.TRNII PFIRSSGSsR VIASGEKFIE |
| <i>A. niger</i> T213 | DLTPFGEQEL VNsgIKFYQR YESL.TRNII PFIRSSGSsR VIASGEKFIE |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | DLTPFGEQEL VNsgIKFYQR YESL.TRNIV PFIRSSGSsR VIASGKKFIE |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 | DLTPFGEQQL VNsgIKFYQR YKAL.ARSVV PFIRASGSDR VIASGEKFIE |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 | DLTPFGEQQL VNsgIKFYQR YKAL.ARSVV PFIRASGSDR VIASGEKFIE |

A. fumigatus ATCC58128 DLTPFGEQQL VNSGIKFYQR YKAL.ARSVV PFIRASGSDR
VIASGEKFIE

A. fumigatus ATCC26906 DLTAfGEQQL VNSGIKFYQR YKAL.ARSVV PFIRASGSDR
VIASGEKFIE

A. fumigatus ATCC32239 DLTPFGEQQM VNSGIKFYQK YKAL.AgSVV PFIRSSGSDR
VIASGEKFIE

E. nidulans DLTiFGENQM VDSGaKFYRR YKnL.ARKnt PFIRASGSDR
VVASAEKFIE

T. thermophilus DLTPFGENQM IQlGIKFYnH YKSL.ARNvV PFVRCGSDR
VIASGr1FIE

T. lanuginosa NLTRFGEEQM MESGrQFYHR YREq.AREIV PFVRAAGSAR
VIASAEfFnr

M. thermophila ELTRtGQQQM VNSGIKFYRR YRAL.ARKsI PFVRTAGqDR
VWhSAENftQ

Consensus Seq. 11 DLTPFGENQM VNSGIKFYRR YKAL-ARNIV PFVRASGSDR
VIASAEKFIE

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P. involutus (phyA1) GFaSA..... ..shNtvqPk LNLILPQ..T gNDTLEDNMC
PAaGD.....

P. involutus (phyA2) GFaSA..... ..srNaiqPk LDLILPQ..T gNDTLEDNMC
PAaGE.....

T. pubescens GFa1A..... ..ssNsITPV LSVIISE..A gNDTLDDNMC
PAaGD.....

A. pediades GFsAA..... ..shHv1NPI LfVILSE..S LNDTLDDAMC
PnaGs.....

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| <i>P. lycii</i> PnevD..... | GFgdA..... ..sgEtv1Pt LQVVLQE..E gNcTLcNNMC |
| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 TAFES...ST | GFQTARqDDh hAnpHQSPPr VDVaIPEGSA YNNTLEHSLC |
| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs TAFEA...ST | GFQNARqGDP hAnpHQSPPr VDVVIPEGTA YNNTLEHSIC |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> TvFED...Se | GFQSTKLkDP rAqpgQSSPk IDVWISEASS sNNTLDpGtC |
| <i>A. niger</i> T213 TvFED...Se | GFQSTKLkDP rAqpgQSSPk IDVWISEASS sNNTLDpGtC |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 TvFED...Se | GFQSTKLkDP rAqpgQSSPk IDVWISEASS sNNTLDpGtC |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 TkFEA...Sq | GFQqAKLADP gAt.NRAAPa ISVIIPESeT FNNTLDHGVC |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 TkFEA...Sq | GFQqAKLADP gAt.NRAAPa ISVIIPESeT FNNTLDHGVC |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC58128 TkFEA...Sq | GFQqAKLADP gAt.NRAAPa ISVIIPESeT FNNTLDHGVC |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 TkFEA...Sq | GFQqAKLADP gAt.NRAAPa ISVIIPESeT FNNTLDHGVC |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 TnFEA...Se | GFQqANVADP gAt.NRAAPV ISVIIPESeT YNNTLDHSVC |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> vSFEN...de | GFRKAQLhDh g.s.gQATPV VNVIIPeIdG FNNTLDHStC |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> PvFED...SS | GFQSAKVlDP hSdKHDApPt INVIIeEGPS YNNTLDtGsC |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> PAaEE...AP | GFQdAKdrDP rSnkDQAePV INVIISEETG sNNTLDgltC |

M. thermophila GFHSAILADR gStvRPTlPy dmVVIPETAG aNNTLHNDLC
TAFEEgpyST

Consensus Seq. 11 GFQSAKLADP -A--HQASPV INVIIPEGSG YNNTLDHGLC
TAFED---ST

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P. involutus (phyA1) .SDpqvnaWl AVafPSItAR LNAaaPSVNL TDtDafNLVs
LCAFlTVSK.

P. involutus (phyA2) .SDpqvDaWl AsafPSVtAQ LNAaaPGaNL TDADafNLVs
LCPFmTVSK.

T. pubescens .SDpqvnQWl AqFAPPMtAR LNagaPGaNL TDtDtyNLLt
LCPFETVAt.

A. pediades .SDpqtGiWT SIYGTPIanR LNqqaPGaNI TAADVsnLIp
LCAFETivK.

P. lycii .GDESt.tWl GVfAPnItAR LNAaaPSaNL SDsDaLtLMD
MCPFDTLsS.

A. terreus 9a1 VGDDAvANFT AVFAPAIaqR LEAdLPGVQL StDDVVNLMA
MCPFETVSlt

A. terreus cbs VGDAADNFT AVFAPAIakR LEAdLPGVQL SADDVVNLMA
MCPFETVSlt

A. niger var. *awamori* LADtveANFT AtFAPSIRqR LEndLSGVtL TDtEVtyLMD
MCSFDTIStS

A. niger T213 LADtveANFT AtFAPSIRqR LEndLSGVtL TDtEVtyLMD
MCSFDTIStS

A. niger NRRL3135 LADtveANFT AtFvPSIRqR LEndLSGVtL TDtEVtyLMD
MCSFDTIStS

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| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 | LGDEvAANFT ALFAPdIRAR aEkhLPGVtL TDEDVVS LMD |
| MCSFDTVART | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 | LGDEvAANFT ALFAPdIRAR aEkhLPGVtL TDEDVVS LMD |
| MCSFDTVART | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC58128 | LGDEvAANFT ALFAPdIRAR aEkhLPGVtL TDEDVVS LMD |
| MCSFDTVART | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 | LGDEvAANFT ALFAPdIRAR aKkhLPGVtL TDEDVVS LMD |
| MCSFDTVART | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 | LGDEvEANFT ALFAPAIRAR IEkhLPGVQL TDDDVVS LMD |
| MCSFDTVART | |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | rADEiEANFT AIMGPPIRkR LEndLPGIKL TNENViY LMD |
| MCSFDTMART | |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | gGHDAQEKFA kqFAPAILEK IKDhLPGVDL AvsDVpy LMD |
| LCPFETLArN | |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | .DptqpAEFl qVFGPRVlkK ItkhMPGVNL TlEDVplFMD |
| LCPFDTVGsd | |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> | IGDDAQDtYl StFAGPItAR VNAnLPGaNL TDADtVa LMD |
| LCPFETVAsS | |
| Consensus Seq. 11 | LGDDAEANFT AVFAPPiRAR LEA-LPGVNL TDEDVVNLMD |
| MCPFDTVART | |
| | 251 |
| 300 | |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA1) | ekkSdF CtLFegiPGs FeaFAYggdL |
| dKFYGTGyGQ | |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA2) | eqkSdF CtLFegiPGs FeaFAYagdL |
| dKFYGTGyGQ | |

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| <i>T. pubescens</i> | errSeF CDIYeelqAE .daFAYnadL |
| dKFYGTGyGQ | |
| <i>A. pediades</i> | etpSPF CNLF..TPEE FaQFEYFgdL |
| dKFYGTGyGQ | |
| <i>P. lycii</i> | gnaSPF CDLF..TAAE YvsYEEYYdL |
| dKYYGTGPGN | |
| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 | dD..Aht... ..LSPF CDLF..TatE WtQYNYLlSL |
| dKYYGYGGGN | |
| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs | dD..Aht... ..LSPF CDLF..TAAE WtQYNYLlSL |
| dKYYGYGGGN | |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> | Tv..DTK... ..LSPF CDLF..ThDE WiHYDYlQSL |
| kKYYGHGAGN | |
| <i>A. niger</i> T213 | Tv..DTK... ..LSPF CDLF..ThDE WiHYDYLRSL |
| kKYYGHGAGN | |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | Tv..DTK... ..LSPF CDLF..ThDE WiNYDYlQSL |
| kKYYGHGAGN | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 | SD..ASQ... ..LSPF CQLF..ThNE WkKYNYLQSL |
| gKYYGYGAGN | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 | SD..ASQ... ..LSPF CQLF..ThNE WkKYNYLQSL |
| gKYYGYGAGN | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC58128 | SD..ASQ... ..LSPF CQLF..ThNE WkKYNYLQSL |
| gKYYGYGAGN | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 | SD..ASQ... ..LSPF CQLF..ThNE WkKYNYLQSL |
| gKYYGYGAGN | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 | AD..ASE... ..LSPF CAIF..ThNE WkKYDYlQSL |
| gKYYGYGAGN | |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | AH..GTE... ..LSPF CAIF..TEKE WlQYDYlQSL |
| sKYYGYGAGS | |

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| <i>T. thermophilus</i> gKYYGnGGGN | ht..DT....LSPF CALs..TqEE WqaYDYYQSL |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> dKYYSHGGGS | PvlfPrQ...LSPF CHLF..TADD WmaYDYYyTL |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> gKWYGYGPGN | SsdpATadag ggnggrpLSPF CrLF..SEsE WraYDYLQSV |
| Consensus Seq. 11 KYYGYGAGN | SD--ATQ--- -----LSPF CDLF--TADE W-QYDYLQSL - |
| | 301 |
| 350 | |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA1) FPLNkTFYAD | eLGPvQGVGY vNELIARLTN S.AVRDNTqT NRTLDA SPvT |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA2) FPLNkTMYAD | ALGPvQGVGY iNELLARLTN S.AVNDNTqT NRTLDAApDT |
| <i>T. pubescens</i> FPLNrTLYAD | PLGPvQGVGY iNELIARLTa q.nVsDHTqT NsTLDS SPET |
| <i>A. pediades</i> FPLDrSIYAD | PLGPvQGVGY iNELLARLTE m.PVRDNTqT NRTLDS SPlt |
| <i>P. lycii</i> FPLNrTFYAD | ALGPvQGVGY vNELLARLTg q.AVRDETqT NRTLDS DPAT |
| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 FPLNATLYAD | PLGPvQGVGW aNELMARLTR A.PVHDHTCv NNTLDAS PAT |
| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs FPLNATLYAD | PLGPvQGVGW aNELIARLTR S.PVHDHTCv NNTLDAN PAT |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> FPLNSTLYAD | PLGPTQGVGY aNELIARLTH S.PVHDDTSS NHTLDS NPAT |

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| <i>A. niger</i> T213 | PLGPTQGVGY aNELIARLTH S.PVHDDTSS NHTLDSNPAT FPLNSTLYAD |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | PLGPTQGVGY aNELIARLTH S.PVHDDTSS NHTLDSSPAT FPLNSTLYAD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 | PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTR S.PVQDHTST NstLvSNPAT FPLNATMYvD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 | PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTR S.PVQDHTST NstLvSNPAT FPLNATMYvD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC58128 | PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTR S.PVQDHTST NstLvSNPAT FPLNATMYvD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 | PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTR S.PVQDHTST NstLvSNPAT FPLNATMYvD |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 | PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTN S.PVQDHTST NstLDSDPAT FPLNATIYvD |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | PLGPAQGIGF tNELIARLTQ S.PVQDNTST NHTLDSNPAT FPLDrkLYAD |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | PLGPAQGVGF vNELIARMTH S.PVQDYTTv NHTLDSNPAT FPLNATLYAD |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | AFGPSRGVGF vNELIARMTg NlPVKDHTTv NHTLDdNPET FPLDAvLYAD |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> | PLGPTQGVGF vNELLARLA. GvPVRDgTST NRTLGDPrT FPLGrPLYAD |
| Consensus Seq. 11 | PLGPAQGVGF -NELIARLTH S-PVQDHTST NHTLDSNPAT FPLNATLYAD |

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| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA1) | FSHDNlMVAV FsAMGLFrqP aPLSTsvPNP wrt.....Wr TSSlVPFSGR |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA2) | FSHDNlMVAV FsAMGLFrqS aPLSTSTpDP nrt.....Wl TSSvVPFSAR |
| <i>T. pubescens</i> | FSHDNqMVAI FsAMGLFNqS aPLdPTTpDP art.....Fl vkkivPFASAR |
| <i>A. pediades</i> | LSHDNqMIAI FsAMGLFNqS sPLdPSfpNP krt.....Wv TSRltPFASAR |
| <i>P. lycii</i> | FSHDNTMVPI FaALGLFNAT a.LdPlkpDe nrl.....Wv DSklVPFSGH |
| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 | FSHDSnLVSI FWALGLYNGT aPLSqTSVES Vs..QTDGYA AAWTVPFASAR |
| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs | FSHDSnLVSI FWALGLYNGT KPLSqTTVED It..rTDGYA AAWTVPFASAR |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> | FSHDNGIISI LFALGLYNGT KPLSTTTVEN It..QTDGFS SAWTVPFASR |
| <i>A. niger</i> T213 | FSHDNGIISI LFALGLYNGT KPLSTTTVEN It..QTDGFS SAWTVPFASR |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | FSHDNGIISI LFALGLYNGT KPLSTTTVEN It..QTDGFS SAWTVPFASR |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 | FSHDNSMVSI FFALGLYNGT EPLSrTSVES ak..EldGYS ASWvVPFGAR |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 | FSHDNSMVSI FFALGLYNGT gPLSrTSVES ak..EldGYS ASWvVPFGAR |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC58128 | FSHDNSMVSI FFALGLYNGT EPLSrTSVES ak..EldGYS ASWvVPFGAR |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 | FSHDNSMVSI FFALGLYNGT EPLSrTSVES ak..EldGYS ASWvVPFGAR |

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| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 | FSHDNGMIPI FFAMGLYNGT EPLSqTSeES tk..ESNGYS ASWAVPFGAR |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | FSHDNSMISI FFAMGLYNGT QPLSmdSVES Iq..EmDGYA ASWTVPFGAR |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | FSHDNTMtSI FaALGLYNGT akLSTTeIKS Ie..ETDGYS AAWTVPFGGR |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | FSHDNTMtGI FsAMGLYNGT KPLSTSkIQP ptgaAADGYA ASWTVPFAAR |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> | FSHDNdMMGV LgALGaYDGv pPLdkTArrd ..peElGGYA ASWAVPFAAR |
| Consensus Seq. 11 | FSHDNTMVSI FFALGLYNGT KPLSTTSVES I---ETDGYA ASWTVPFAAR |
| | 401 |
| 450 | |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA1) | mvVErLsC.. fGt..... Tk VRVLVQDQVq PLEfCGgDRn |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA2) | maVErLsC.. AGt..... Tk VRVLVQDQVq PLEfCGgDQd |
| <i>T. pubescens</i> | mvVErLDC.. GGa..... Qs VRLLVNDaVq PLafCGaDts |
| <i>A. pediades</i> | mvTErLlCQr DGtGsGGpsr imrNgnvQTF VRILVNDaLq PLkfCGgDmd |
| <i>P. lycii</i> | mtVEkLaC..sgKea VRVLVNDaVq PLEfCGg.vd |
| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 | AYVEMMQCrAEK...EPL VRVLVNDRVM PLHGCPtDKL |

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| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs | AYIEMMQCrAEK...QPL VRVLVNDVRVM PLHGCAVDNL |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> | lYVEMMQCQAEQ...EPL VRVLVNDRVV PLHGCPIDaL |
| <i>A. niger</i> T213 | lYVEMMQCQAEQ...EPL VRVLVNDRVV PLHGCPIDaL |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | lYVEMMQCQAEQ...EPL VRVLVNDRVV PLHGCPVDaL |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 | AYfEtMQCKSEK...EPL VRaLINDRVV PLHGCDVDKL |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 | AYfEtMQCKSEK...EPL VRaLINDRVV PLHGCDVDKL |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC58128 | AYfEtMQCKSEK...ESL VRaLINDRVV PLHGCDVDKL |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 | AYfEtMQCKSEK...EPL VRaLINDRVV PLHGCDVDKL |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 | AYfEtMQCKSEK...EPL VRaLINDRVV PLHGCAVDKL |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | AYfELMQCE.KK...EPL VRVLVNDRVV PLHGCAVDKF |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | AYIEMMQCDDsD...EPV VRVLVNDRVV PLHGCEVDsL |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | AYVELLRcET ETsSeEEeEG ..ED...EPF VRVLVNDRVV PLHGCrVDRW |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> | iYVEkMRCsG GGgGgGGgEG ..rQekdEeM VRVLVNDRVV TLkGCGaDEr |
| Consensus Seq. 11 | AYVEMMQCEA GG-G-GG-EG --EK---EPL VRVLVNDRVV PLHGCGVDKL |

| | 451 | 482 |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----|
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA1) | GlCtLAKFVE SqTFARSDga GDFEKCFAts a~ | |
| <i>P. involutus</i> (phyA2) | GlCaLDKFVE SqAYARSGga GDFEKCLAtt v~ | |
| <i>T. pubescens</i> | GvCtLDAFVE SqAYARNDge GDFEKCFAt~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. pediades</i> | S1CtLEAFVE SqkYAReDgq GDFEKCfD~~ ~~ | |
| <i>P. lycii</i> | GvCELsAFVE SqTYAReNgq GDFAKCgfv se | |
| <i>A. terreus</i> 9a1 | GRCKrDAFVA GLSFAQAG.. GNWADCF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. terreus</i> cbs | GRCKrDDFVE GLSFARAG.. GNWAE CF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. niger</i> var. <i>awamori</i> | GRCtrDsFVr GLSFARSG.. GDWAECSA~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. niger</i> T213 | GRCtrDsFVr GLSFARSG.. GDWAE CF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. niger</i> NRRL3135 | GRCtrDsFVr GLSFARSG.. GDWAE CF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC13073 | GRCKLND FVK GLSWARSG.. GNWGE CF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32722 | GRCKLND FVK GLSWARSG.. GNWGE CF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC58128 | GRCKLND FVK GLSWARSG.. GNWGE CF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC26906 | GRCKLND FVK GLSWARSG.. GNWGE CF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>A. fumigatus</i> ATCC32239 | GRCKLKDFVK GLSWARSG.. GNSEQSFS~~ ~~ | |
| <i>E. nidulans</i> | GRCTLDDWVE GLNFARSG.. GNWktCFT1~ ~~ | |
| <i>T. thermophilus</i> | GRCKrDDFVr GLSFARqG.. GNWEGCYAas e~ | |
| <i>T. lanuginosa</i> | GRCRrDEWIK GLTFARqG.. GHWDrCF~~~ ~~ | |
| <i>M. thermophila</i> | GmCtLErFIE SMAFARGN.. GKWDlCFA~~ ~~ | |
| Consensus Seq. 11 | GRCKLDDFVE GLSFARSG-- GNWAE CF~~~ -- | |

Figure 8

M G V F V V L L S I A T L F G S T S G T
 20
 ATGGGCGTGTTTCGTCTGCTACTGTCCATTGCCACCTTGTTCGGTTCACATCCGGTACC
 1 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
 60
 TACCCGCACAAGCAGCACGATGACAGGTAACGGTGGAACAAGCCAAGGTGTAGGCCATGG
 A L G P R G N S H S C D T V D G G Y Q C
 40
 GCCTTGGGTCTCTCGTGGTAATTCTCACTCTTGTGACACTGTTGACGGTGGTTACCAATGT
 61 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
 120
 CGGAACCCAGGAGCACCATTAAGAGTGAGAACACTGTGACAACCTGCCACCAATGGTTACA
 F P E I S H L W G T Y S P Y F S L A D E
 60
 TTCCCAGAAATTTCTCACTTGTGGGGTACCTACTCTCCATACTTCTCTTTGGCAGACGAA
 121 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
 180
 AAGGGTCTTTAAAGAGTGAACACCCCATGGATGAGAGGTATGAAGAGAAACCGTCTGCCTT
 S A I S P D V P D D C R V T F V Q V L S
 80
 TCTGCTATTTCTCCAGACGTTCCAGACGACTGTAGAGTTACTTTTCGTTCAAGTTTGTCT
 187 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----
 240

AGACGATAAAGAGGTCTGCAAGGTCTGCTGACATCTCAATGAAAGCAAGTTCAAAACAGA

R H G A R Y P T S S A S K A Y S A L I E

100

AGACACGGTGCTAGATACCCAACCTTCTTCTGCGTCTAAGGCTTACTCTGCTTTGATTGAA

241 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

300

TCTGTGCCACGATCTATGGGTGAAGAAGACGCAGATTCCGAATGAGACGAACTAACTT

A I Q K N A T A F K G K Y A F L K T Y N

120

GCTATTCAAAGAACGCTACTGCTTTCAAGGGTAAGTACGCTTTCTTGAAGACTTACAAC

301 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

360

CGATAAGTTTTCTTGCGATGACGAAAGTCCCATTTCATGCGAAAGAACTTCTGAATGTTG

Y T L G A D D L T P F G E N Q M V N S G

140

TACACTTTGGGTGCTGACGACTTGACTCCATTGCGGTGAAAACCAAATGGTTAACTCTGGT

361 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

420

ATGTGAAACCCACGACTGCTGAACTGAGGTAAGCCACTTTTGGTTTACCAATTGAGACCA

I K F Y R R Y K A L A R K I V P F I R A

160

ATTAAGTTCTACAGAAGATAACAAGGCTTTGGCTAGAAAGATTGTTCCATTTCATTAGAGCT

421 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

480

TAATTCAAGATGTCTTCTATGTTCCGAAACCGATCTTTCTAACAAGGTAAGTAATCTCGA

S G S D R V I A S A E K F I E G F Q S' A

180

TCTGGTTC TGACAGAGTTATTGCTTCTGCTGAAAAGTTCATTGAAGGTTTCCAATCTGCT

481 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

540

AGACCAAGACTGTCTCAATAACGAAGACGACTTTTCAAGTAACTTCCAAAGGTTAGACGA

K L A D P G S Q P H Q A S P V I N V I I

200

AAGTTGGCTGACCCAGGTCTCAACCACACCAAGCTTCTCCAGTTATTAACGTGATCATT

541 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

600

TTCAACCGACTGGGTCCAAGAGTTGGTGTGGTTCGAAGAGGTCAATAATTGCACTAGTAA

P E G S G Y N N T L D H G T C T A F E D

220

CCAGAAGGATCCGGTTACAACAACACTTTGGACCACGGTACTTGTACTGCTTTTGAAGAC

601 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

660

GGTCTTCCTAGGCCAATGTTGTTGTGAAACCTGGTGCCATGAACATGACGAAGCTTCTG

S E L G D D V E A N F T A L F A P A I R

240

TCTGAATTAGGTGACGACGTTGAAGCTAACTTCACTGCTTTGTTTCGCTCCAGCTATTAGA

661 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

720

AGACTTAATCCACTGCTGCAACTTCGATTGAAGTGACGAAACAAGCGAGGTCGATAATCT

260 A R L E A D L P G V T L T D E D V V Y L

GCTAGATTGGAAGCTGACTTGCCAGGTGTTACTTTGACTGACGAAGACGTTGTTTACTTG

721 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
780

CGATCTAACCTTCGACTGAACGGTCCACAATGAAACTGACTGCTTCTGCAACAAATGAAC

280 M D M C P F D T V A R T S D A T E L S P

ATGGACATGTGTCCATTCGACACTGTGCTAGAACTTCTGACGCTACTGAATTGTCTCCA

781 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
840

TACCTGTACACAGGTAAGCTGTGACAGCGATCTTGAAGACTGCGATGACTTAACAGAGGT

300 F C A L F T H D E W I Q Y D Y L Q S L G

TTCTGTGCTTTGTTCACTCACGACGAATGGATCCAATACGACTACTTGCAAAGCTTGGGT

841 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
900

AAGACACGAAACAAGTGAGTGCTGCTTACCTAGGTTATGCTGATGAACGTTTCGAACCCA

320 K Y Y G Y G A G N P L G P A Q G V G F A

AAGTACTACGGTTACGGTGCTGGTAACCCATTGGGTCCAGCTCAAGGTGTTGTTTCGCT

901 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
960

TTCATGATGCCAATGCCACGACCATTGGGTAACCCAGGTCGAGTTCCACAACCAAAGCGA

N E L I A R L T H S P V Q D H T S T N H

340

AACGAATTGATTGCTAGATTGACTCACTCTCCAGTTCAAGACCACACTTCTACTAACCAC

961 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

1020

TTGCTTAACTAACGATCTAACTGAGTGAGAGGTCAAGTTCTGGTGTGAAGATGATTGGTG

T L D S N P A T F P L N A T L Y A D F S

360

ACTTTGGACTCTAACCCAGCTACTTTCCCATTTGAACGCTACTTTGTACGCTGACTTCTCT

1021 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

1080

TGAAACCTGAGATTGGGTCGATGAAAGGGTAACCTGCGATGAAACATGCGACTGAAGAGA

H D N T M I S I F F A L G L Y N G T K P

380

CACGACAACACTATGATATCTATTTTCTTCGCTTTGGGTTTGTACAACGGTACCAAGCCA

1081 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

1140

GTGCTGTTGTGATACTATAGATAAAAGAAGCGAAACCCAAACATGTTGCCATGGTTCGGT

L S T T S V E S I E E T D G Y S A S W T

400

TTGTCTACTACTTCTGTTGAATCTATTGAAGAACTGACGGTTACTCTGCTTCTTGGACT

1141 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

1200

AACAGATGATGAAGACAACTTAGATAAATTCTTTGACTGCCAATGAGACGAAGAACCTGA

V P F A A R A Y V E M M Q C Q A E K E P

420

GTTCCATTTCGCTGCTAGAGCTTACGTTGAAATGATGCAATGTCAAGCTGAAAAGGAACCA

1201 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

1260

CAAGGTAAGCGACGATCTCGAATGCAACTTTACTACGTTACAGTTCGACTTTTCCTTGGT

L V R V L V N D R V V P L H G C A V D K

440

TTGGTTAGAGTTTGGTTAACGACAGAGTTGTTCCATTGCACGGTTGTGCTGTTGACAAG

1261 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

1320

AACCAATCTCAAAACCAATTGCTGTCTCAACAAGGTAACGTGCCAACACGACAACTGTTT

L G R C K R D D F V E G L S F A R S G G

460

TTGGGTAGATGTAAGAGAGACGACTTCGTTGAAGGTTTGTCTTTCGCTAGATCTGGTGGT

1321 ---+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----

1380

AACCCATCTACATTCTCTCTGCTGAAGCAACTTCCAAACAGAAAGCGATCTAGACCACCA

N W A E C F A * 467

AACTGGGCTGAATGTTTCGCTTAA

1381 ---+-----+-----+ 1410

TTGACCCGACTTACAAAGCGAATT

Figure 9

M G V F V V L L S I A T L F G S T S G T
 20
 ATGGGCGTGTTTCGTCGTGCTACTGTCCATTGCCACCTTGTTTCGGTTCCACATCCGGTACC
 1 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 60
 TACCCGCACAAGCAGCACGATGACAGGTAACGGTGGAACAAGCCAAGGTGTAGGCCATGG
 A L G P R G N S H S C D T V D G G Y Q C
 40
 GCCTTGGGTCTCTCGTGGTAACTCTCACTCTTGTGACACTGTTGACGGTGGTTACCAATGT
 61 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 120
 CGGAACCCAGGAGCACCATTGAGAGTGAGAACAACCTGTGACAACCTGCCACCAATGGTTACA
 A F P E I S H L W G T Y S P F F S L A D E
 60
 TTCCCAGAAATTTCTCACTTGTGGGGTACATACTCTCCATTCTTCTCTTTGGCTGACGAA
 121 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 180
 AAGGGTCTTTAAAGAGTGAACACCCCATGTATGAGAGGTAAGAAGAGAAACCGACTGCTT
 S A I S P D V P K G C R V T F V Q V L S
 80
 TCTGCTATTTCTCCAGACGTTCCAAAGGGTGTAGAGTTACTTTCGTTCAAGTTTGTCT
 181 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 240

AGACGATAAAGAGGTCTGCAAGGTTTCCCAACATCTCAATGAAAGCAAGTTCAAAACAGA

R H G A R Y P T S S A S K A Y S A L I E

100

AGACACGGTGCTAGATACCCAACCTTCTTCTGCGTCTAAGGCGTACTCTGCTTTGATTGAA

241 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

300

TCTGTGCCACGATCTATGGGTTGAAGAAGACGCAGATTCCGCATGAGACGAACTAACTT

A I Q K N A T A F K G K Y A F L K T Y N

120

GCTATTCAAAAGAACGCTACTGCTTTCAAGGGTAAGTACGCTTCTTGAAGACTTACAAC

301 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

360

CGATAAGTTTTCTTGCGATGACGAAAGTTCCCATTCATGCGAAAGAACTTCTGAATGTTG

A Y T L G A D D L T P F G E Q Q M V N S G

140

TACACTTTGGGTGCTGACGACTTGACTCCATTCCGGTGAACAACAAATGGTTAACTCTGGT

361 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

420

ATGTGAAACCCACGACTGCTGAACTGAGGTAAGCCACTTGTTGTTTACCAATTGAGACCA

I K F Y R R Y K A L A R K I V P F I R A

160

ATTAAGTTCTACAGAAGATACAAGGCTTTGGCTAGAAAGATTGTTCCATTTCATTAGAGCT

421 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

480

TAATTCAAGATGTCTTCTATGTTCCGAAACCGATCTTTCTAACAAGGTAAGTAATCTCGA

S G S D R V I A S A E K F I E G F Q S A

180

TCTGGTTCTGACAGAGTTATTGCTTCTGCTGAAAAGTTCATTGAAGGTTCCAATCTGCT

481 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

540

AGACCAAGACTGTCTCAATAACGAAGACGACTTTTCAAGTAACTTCCAAAGGTTAGACGA

K L A D P G A N P H Q A S P V I N V I I

200

AAGTTGGCTGACCCAGGTGCTAACCCACACCAAGCTTCTCCAGTTATTAACGTTATTATT

541 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

600

TTCAACCGACTGGGTCCACGATTGGGTGTGGTTCGAAGAGGTCAATAATTGCAATAATAA

P E G A G Y N N T L D H G L C T A F E E

220

CCAGAAGGTGCTGGTTACAACAACACTTTGGACCACGGTTTGTGTACTGCTTTCGAAGAA

601 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

660

GGTCTTCCACGACCAATGTTGTTGTGAAACCTGGTGCCAAACACATGACGAAAGCTTCTT

S E L G D D V E A N F T A V F A P P I R

240

TCTGAATTGGGTGACGACGTTGAAGCTAACTTCACTGCTGTTTTCGCTCCACCAATTAGA

661 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

720

AGACTTAACCCACTGCTGCAACTTCGATTGAAGTGACGACAAAAGCGAGGTGGTTAATCT

260 A R L E A H L P G V N L T D E D V V N L

GCTAGATTGGAAGCTCACTTGCCAGGTGTTAACTTGACTGACGAAGACGTTGTTAACTTG

721 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
780

CGATCTAACCTTCGAGTGAACGGTCCACAATTGAACTGACTGCTTCTGCAACAATTGAAC

280 M D M C P F D T V A R T S D A T Q L S P

ATGGACATGTGTCCATTCGACACTGTTGCTAGAACTTCTGACGCTACTCAATTGTCTCCA

781 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
840

TACCTGTACACAGGTAAGCTGTGACAACGATCTTGAAGACTGCGATGAGTTAACAGAGGT

300 F C D L F T H D E W I Q Y D Y L Q S L G

TTCTGTGACTTGTTCACTCACGACGAATGGATTCAATACGACTACTTGCAATCTTTGGGT

841 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
900

AAGACACTGAACAAGTGAGTGCTGCTTACCTAAGTTATGCTGATGAACGTTAGAAACCCA

320 K Y Y G Y G A G N P L G P A Q G V G F V

AAGTACTACGGTTACGGTGCTGGTAACCCATTGGGTCCAGCTCAAGGTGTTGGTTTCGTT

901 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
960

TTCATGATGCCAATGCCACGACCATTGGGTAACCCAGGTCGAGTTCCACAACCAAAGCAA
 N E L I A R L T H S P V Q D H T S T N H
 340
 AACGAATTGATTGCTAGATTGACTCACTCTCCAGTTCAAGACCACACTTCTACTAACCAC
 961 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1020
 TTGCTTAACTAACGATCTAACTGAGTGAGAGGTCAAGTTCTGGTGTGAAGATGATTGGTG
 T L D S N P A T F P L N A T L Y A D F S
 360
 ACTTTGGACTCTAACCCAGCTACTTTCCCATGGAACGCTACTTTGTACGCTGACTTCTCT
 1021 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1080
 TGAAACCTGAGATTGGGTCGATGAAAGGGTAACTTGCGATGAAACATGCGACTGAAGAGA
 H D N T M V S I F F A L G L Y N G T K P
 380
 CACGACAACACTATGGTTTCTATTTTCTTCGCTTTGGGTTTGTACAACGGTACTAAGCCA
 1081 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1140
 GTGCTGTTGTGATACCAAAGATAAAAGAAGCGAAACCCAAACATGTTGCCATGATTCGGT
 L S T T S V E S I E E T D G Y S A S W T
 400
 TTGTCTACTACTTCTGTTGAATCTATTGAAGAACTGACGGTACTCTGCTTCTTGACT
 1141 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1200

AACAGATGATGAAGACAACTTAGATAACTTCTTTGACTGCCAATGAGACGAAGAACCTGA

V P F A A R A Y V E M M Q C E A E K E P

420

GTTCCATTTCGCTGCTAGAGCTTACGTTGAAATGATGCAATGTGAAGCTGAAAAGGAACCA

1201 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

1260

CAAGGTAAGCGACGATCTCGAATGCAACTTTACTACGTTACACTTCGACTTTTCCTTGGT

L V R V L V N D R V V P L H G C G V D K

440

TTGGTTAGAGTTTTGGTTAACGACAGAGTTGTTCCATTGCACGGTTGTGGTGTGACAAG

1261 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

1320

AACCAATCTCAAAACCAATTGCTGTCTCAACAAGGTAACGTGCCAACACCACAACCTGTTTC

L G R C K R D D F V E G L S F A R S G G

460

TTGGGTAGATGTAAGAGAGACGACTTCGTTGAAGGTTTGTCTTTCGCTAGATCTGGTGGT

1321 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

1380

AACCCATCTACATTCTCTCTGCTGAAGCAACTTCCAAACAGAAAGCGATCTAGACCACCA

N W E E C F A * 467

AACTGGGAAGAATGTTTCGCTTAA

1381 -----+-----+----- 1404

TTGACCCTTCTTACAAAGCGAATT

Figure 10

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M G V F V V L L S I A T L F G S T S G T 20
ATGGGGGTTTTCGTCGTTCTATTATCTATCGCGACTCTGTTCCGGCAGCACATCGGGCACT
1 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 60
TACCCCCAAAAGCAGCAAGATAATAGATAGCGCTGAGACAAGCCGTCGTGTAGCCCGTGA
A L G P R G N H S K S C D T V D L G Y Q 40
GCGCTGGGCCCCCGTGGAATCACTCCAAGTCCTGCGATACGGTAGACCTAGGGTACCAG
61 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 120
CGCGACCCGGGGGCACCTTTAGTGAGGTTCAAGACGCTATGCCATCTGGATCCCATGGTC
C S P A T S H L W G T Y S P Y F S L E D 60
TGCTCCCCCTGCGACTTCTCATCTATGGGGCACGTACTCGCCATaCTTTTCGCTCGAGGAC
121 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 180
ACGAGGGGACGCTGAAGAGTAGATACCCCGtgCATGAGCGGTAtGAAAAGCGAGCTCCTG
E L S V S S K L P K D C R I T L V Q V L 80
GAGCTGTCCGTGTCGAGTAAGCTTCCCAAGGATTGCCGGATCACCTTGGTACAGGTGCTA
181 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 240
CTCGACAGGCACAGCTCATTCGAAGGGTTCCTAACGGCCTAGTGGAACCATGTCCACGAT
S R H G A R Y P T S S K S K K Y K K L I 100
TCGCGCCATGGAGCGCGGTACCCAACCAGCTCCAAGAGCAAAAAGTATAAGAAGCTTaTt
241 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 300

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AGCGCGGTACCTCGCGCCATGGGTTGGTCGAGGTTCTCGTTTTTCATATTCTTCGAAtAa

T A I Q A N A T D F K G K Y A F L K T Y 120

ACGGCGATCCAGGCCAATGCCACCGACTTCAAGGGCAAGTAcGCCTTTTTGAAGACGTAC

301 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 360

TGCCGCTAGGTCCGGTTACGGTGGCTGAAGTTCCCGTTCAtgCGGAAAACTTCTGCATG

N Y T L G A D D L T P F G E Q Q L V N S 140

AACTATACTCTGGGTGCGGATGACCTCACTCCCTTTGGGGAGCAGCAGCTGGTGAACTCG

361 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 420

TTGATATGAGACCCACGCCTACTGGAGTGAGGGAAACCCCTCGTCGTCGACCACTTGAGC

G I K F Y Q R Y K A L A R S V V P F I R 160

GGCATCAAGTTCTACCAGAGGTACAAGGCTCTGGCGCGCAGTGTGGTGCCGTTTATTCGC

421 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 480

CCGTAGTTCAAGATGGTCTCCATGTTCCGAGACCGCGCGTCACACCACGGCAAATAAGCG

A S G S D R V I A S G E K F I E G F Q Q 180

GCCTCAGGCTCGGACCGGGTTATTGCTTCGGGAGAGAAGTTCATCGAGGGGTTCCAGCAG

481 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 540

CGGAGTCCGAGCCTGGCCCAATAACGAAGCCCTCTCTTCAAGTAGCTCCCCAAGGTCGTC

A K L A D P G A T N R A A P A I S V I I 200

GCGAAGCTGGCTGATCCTGGCGCGACGAACCGCGCCGCTCCGGCGATTAGTGTGATTATT

541 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 600

CGCTTCGACCGACTAGGACCGCGCTGCTTGGCGCGGCGAGGCCGCTAATCACACTAATAA

P E S E T F N N T L D H G V C T K F E A 220

CCGAGAGCGAGACGTTCAACAATACGCTGGACCACGGTGTGTGCACGAAGTTTGAGGCG

601 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 660

GGCCTCTCGCTCTGCAAGTTGTTATGCGACCTGGTGCCACACACGTGCTTCAAACGCCG

S Q L G D E V A A N F T A L F A P D I R 240

AGTCAGCTGGGAGATGAGGTTGCGGCCAATTTCACTGCGCTCTTTGCACCCGACATCCGA

661 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 720

TCAGTCGACCCTCTACTCCAACGCCGGTTAAAGTGACGCGAGAAACGTGGGCTGTAGGCT

A R L E K H L P G V T L T D E D V V S L 260

GCTCGCctCGAGAAGCATCTTCCTGGCGTGACGCTGACAGACGAGGACGTTGTCAGTCTA

721 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 780

CGAGCGgaGCTCTTCGTAGAAGGACCGCACTGCGACTGTCTGCTCCTGCAACAGTCAGAT

M D M C P F D T V A R T S D A S Q L S P 280

ATGGACATGTGTcCGTTTGATACGGTAGCGCGCACCAGCGACGCAAGTCAGCTGTCACCG

781 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 840

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F C Q L F T H N E W K K Y D Y L Q S L G 300

TTCTGTCAAACCTTCACTCACAATGAGTGGAAGAAGTACgACTACCTTCAGTCCTTGCGC

841 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 900

AAGACAGTTGAGAAAGTGAGTGTTACTCACCTTCTTCATGcTGATGGAAGTCAGGAACCCG

K Y Y G Y G A G N P L G P A Q G I G F T 320

AAGTACTACGGCTACGGCGCAGGCAACCCTCTGGGACCGGCTCAGGGGATAGGGTTCACC

901 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 960

TTCATGATGCCGATGCCGCGTCCGTTGGGAGACCCTGGCCGAGTCCCCTATCCCAAGTGG

N E L I A R L T R S P V Q D H T S T N S

340

AACGAGCTGATTGCCCCGGTTGACgCGTTGCCAGTGCAGGACCACACCAGCACTAACTCG

961 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 1020

TTGCTCGACTAACGGGCCAACTGcGCAAGCGGTCACGTCCTGGTGTGGTCGTGATTGAGC

T L V S N P A T F P L N A T M Y V D F S

360

ACTCTAGTCTCCAACCCGGCCACCTTCCCGTTGAACGCTACCATGTACGTCGACTTTTCA

1021 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 1080

TGAGATCAGAGGTTGGGCCGGTGGAAGGGCAACTTGCGATGGTACATGCAGCTGAAAAGT

H D N S M V S I F F A L G L Y N G T E P

380

CACGACAACAGCATGGTTTCCATCTTCTTTGCATTGGGCCTGTACAACGGCACTGAACCC

1081 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 1140

GTGCTGTTGTCGTACCAAAGGTAGAAGAAACGTAACCCGGACATGTTGCCGTGACTTGGG

L S R T S V E S A K E L D G Y S A S W V
 400
 TTGTCCCGGACCTCGGTGGAAAGCGCCAAGGAATTGGATGGGTATTCTGCATCCTGGGTG
 1141 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1200
 AACAGGGCCTGGAGCCACCTTTCGCGGTTCCCTAACCTACCCATAAGACGTAGGACCCAC
 V P F G A R A Y F E T M Q C K S E K E P
 420
 GTGCCTTTCGGCGCGCGAGCCTACTTCGAGACGATGCAATGCAAGTCGGAAAAGGAGCCT
 1201 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1260
 CACGGAAAGCCGCGCGCTCGGATGAAGCTCTGCTACGTTACGTTACGCCTTTTCCTCGGA
 L V R A L I N D R V V P L H G C D V D K
 440
 CTTGTTCGCGCTTTGATTAATGACCGGGTTGTGCCACTGCATGGCTGCGATGTGGACAAG
 1261 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1320
 GAACAAGCGCGAAACTAATTACTGGCCCAACACGGTGACGTACCGACGCTACACCTGTTC
 L G R C K L N D F V K G L S W A R S G G
 460
 CTGGGGCGATGCAAGCTGAATGACTTTGTCAAGGGATTGAGTTGGGCCAGATCTGGGGGC
 1321 -----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
 1380
 GACCCCGCTACGTTGACTTACTGAAACAGTTCCCTAACTCAACCCGGTCTAGACCCCGG

N W G E C F S * 467

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1381 -----+-----+----- 1404

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CP-2

CP-3

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CP-5.7

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CP-6

CP-7

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CP-9

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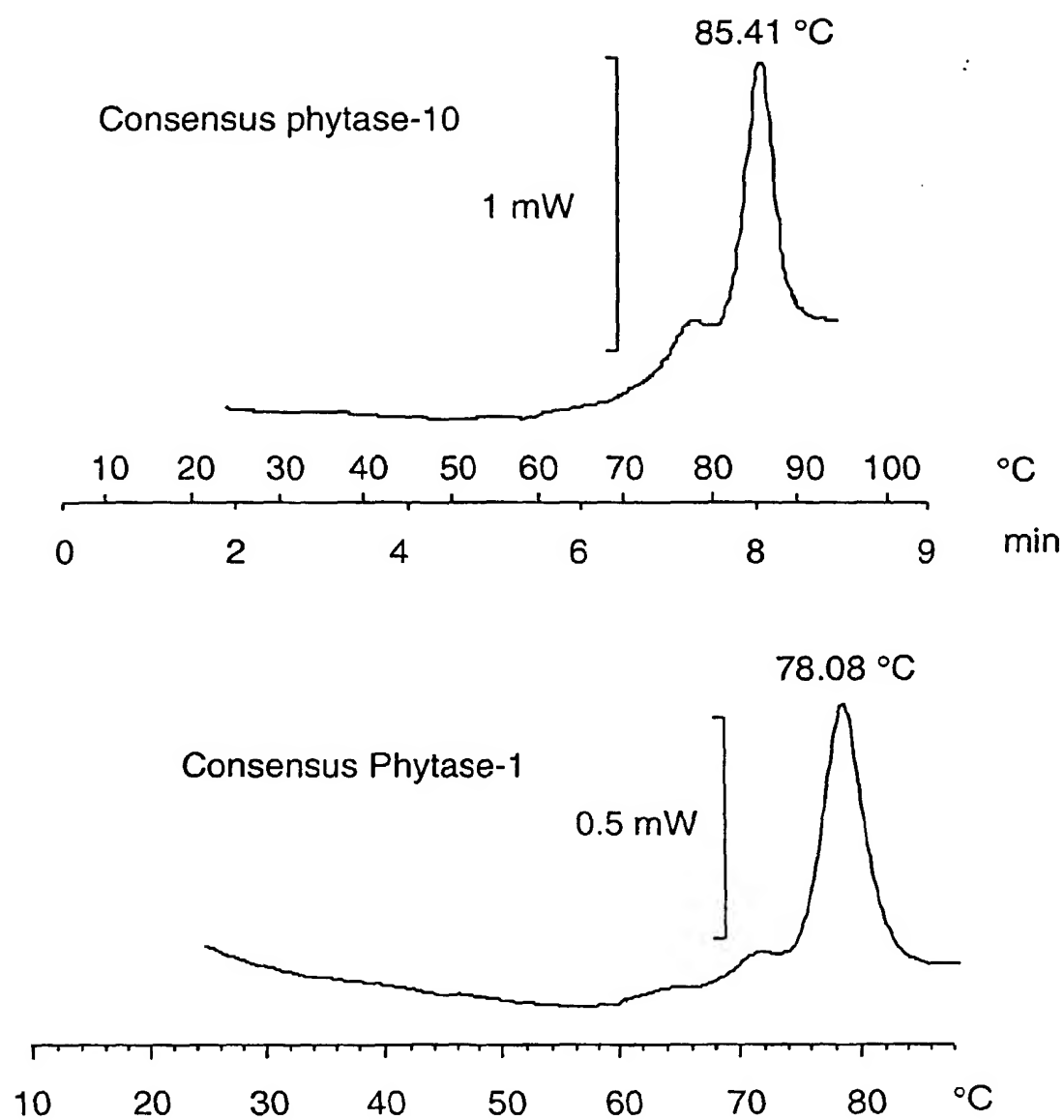
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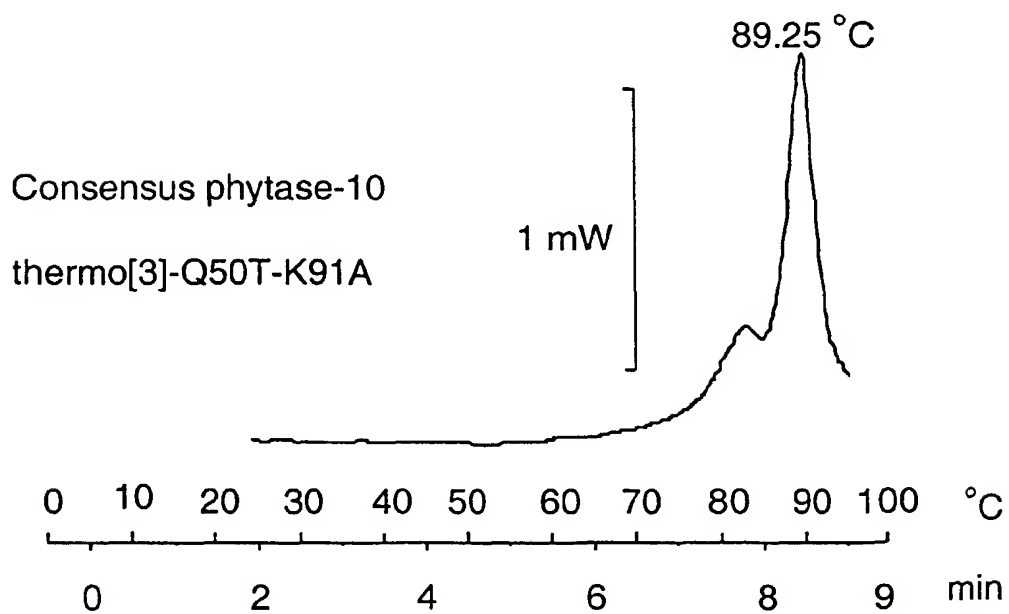
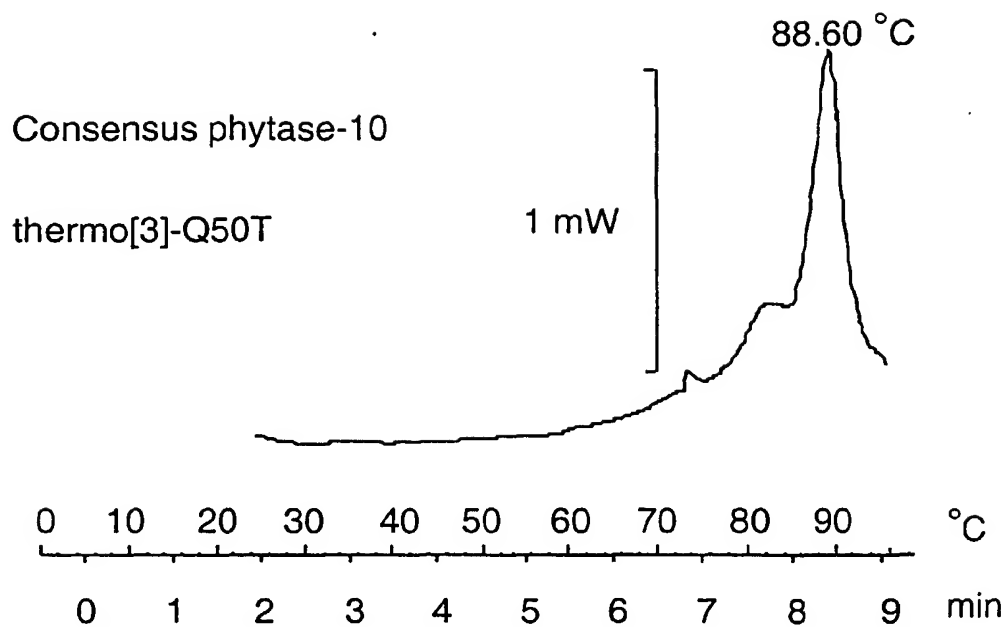
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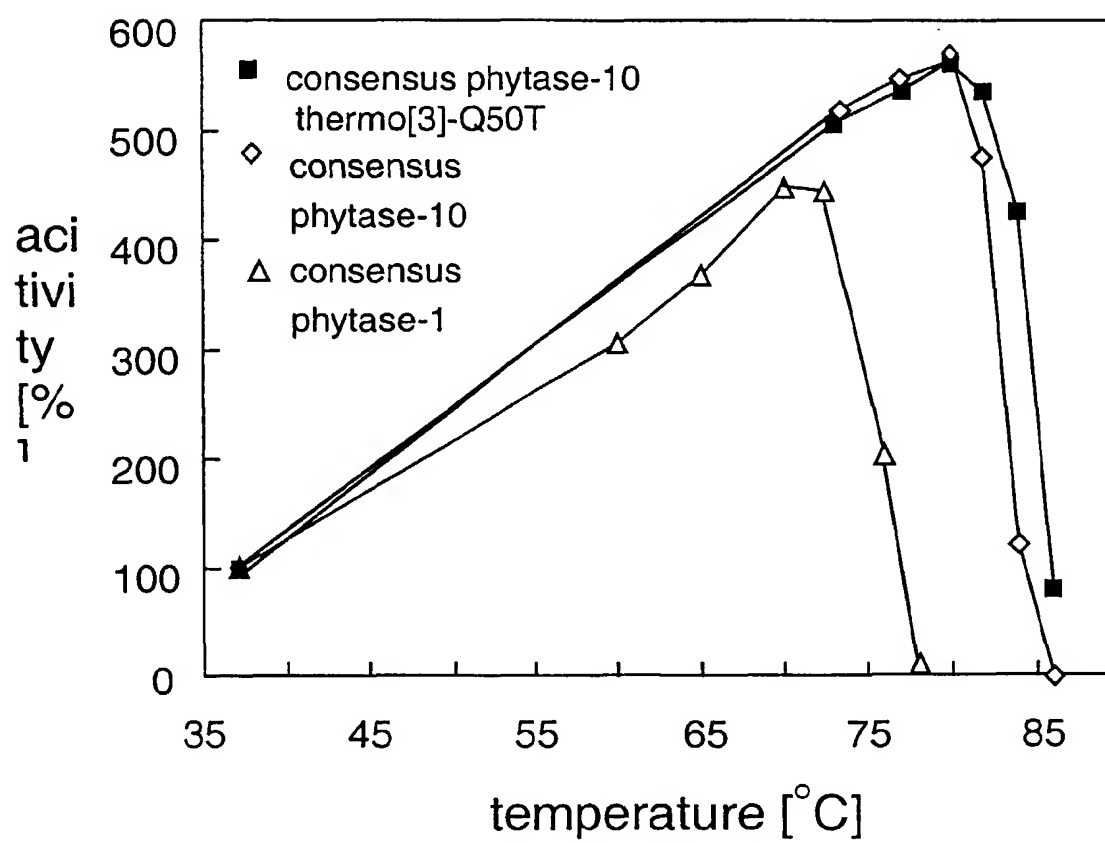
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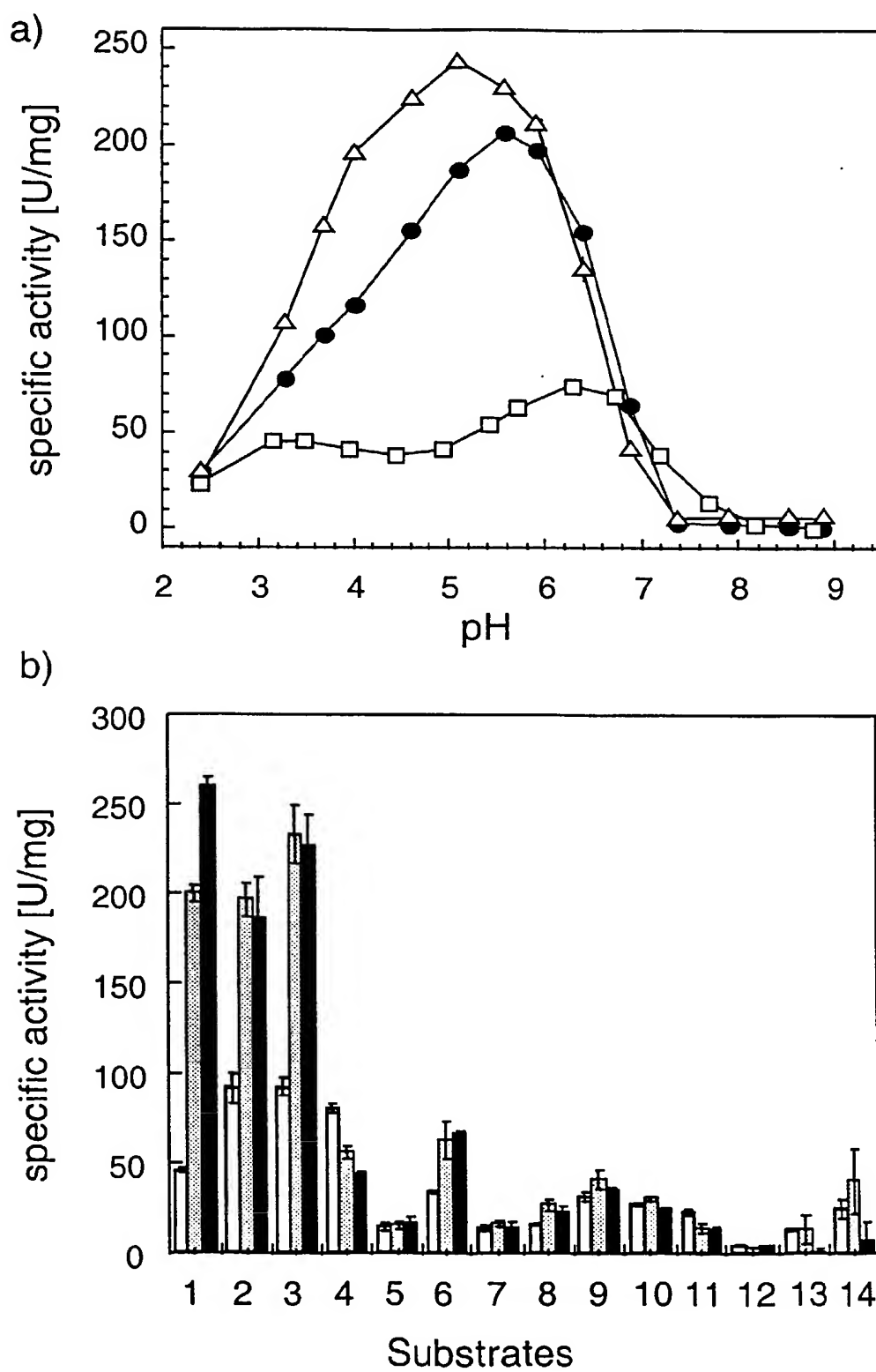


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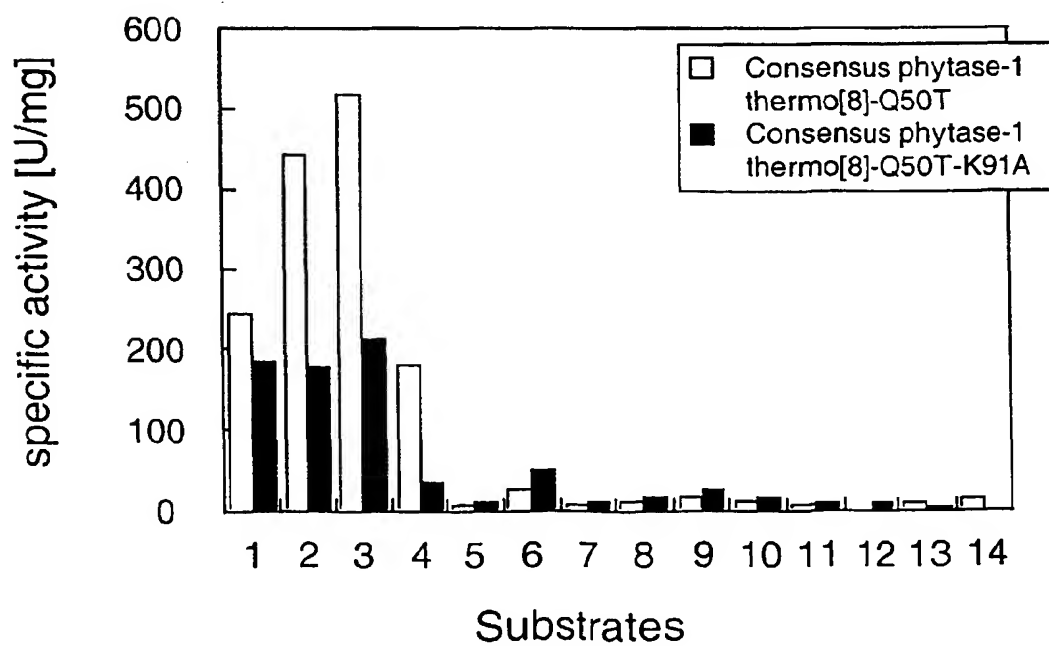
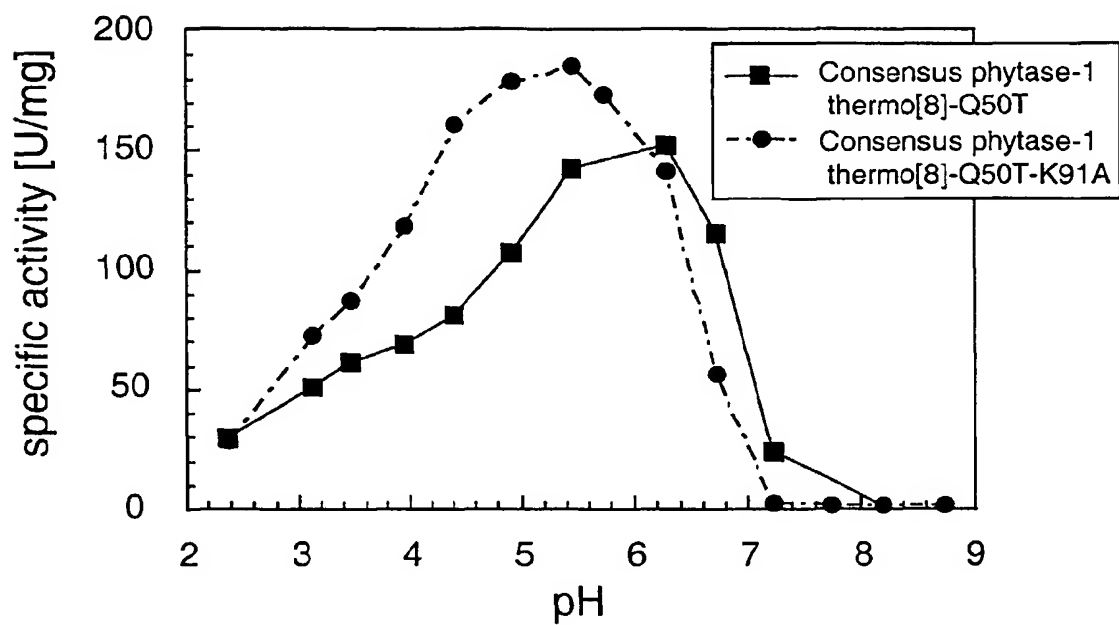


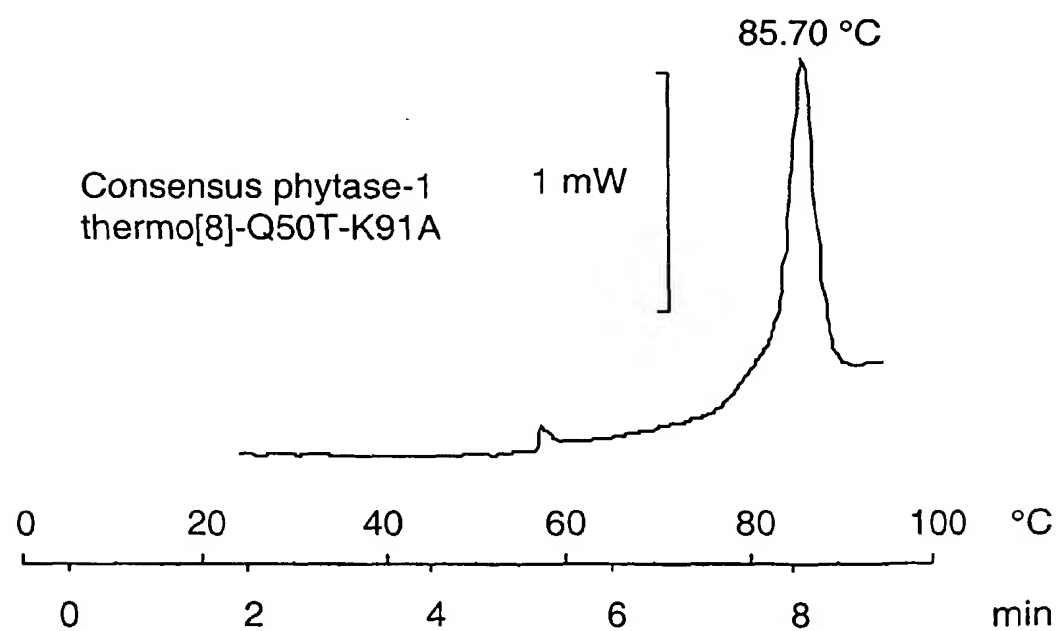
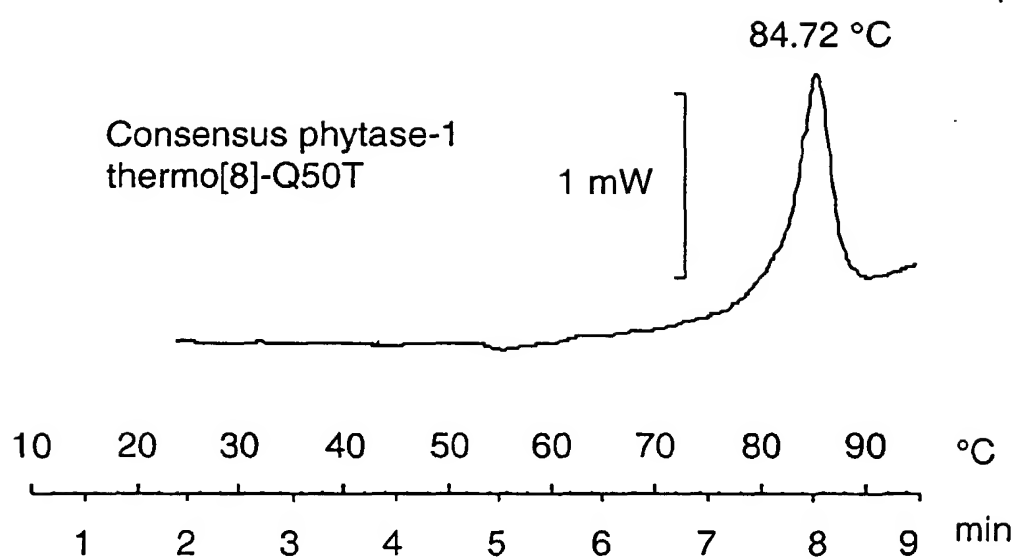
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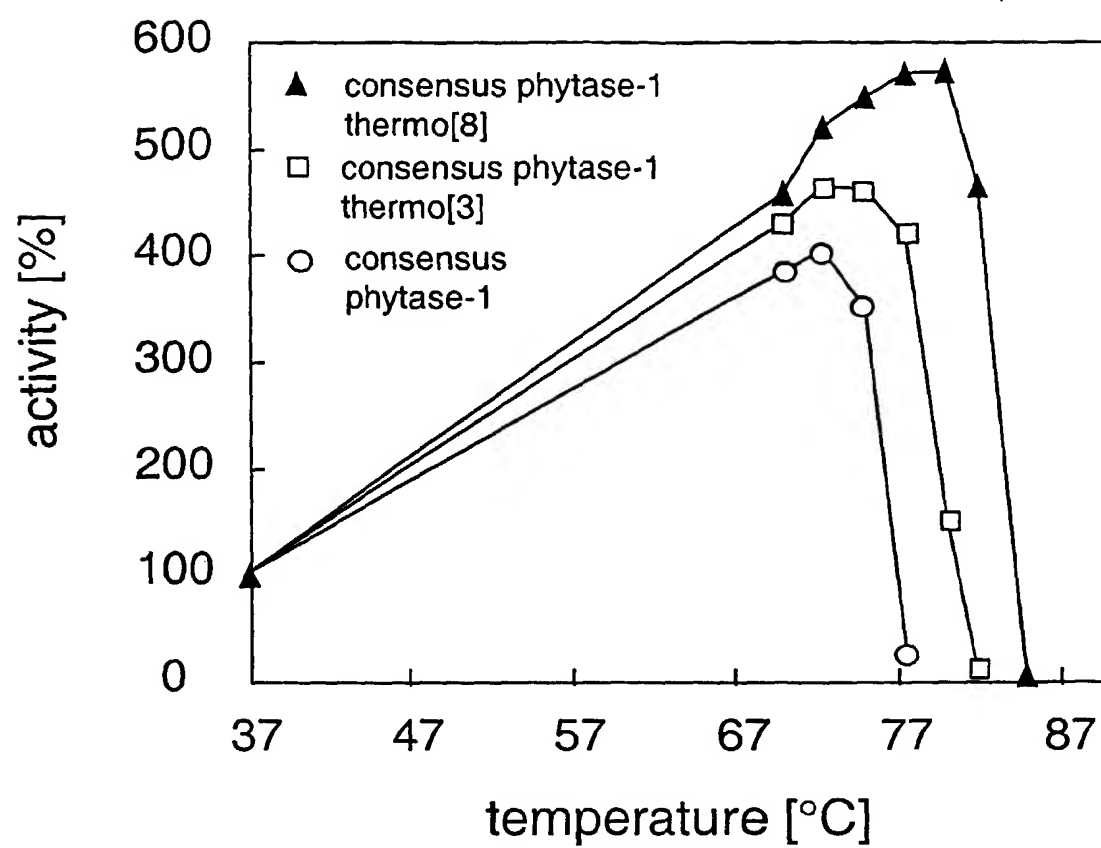


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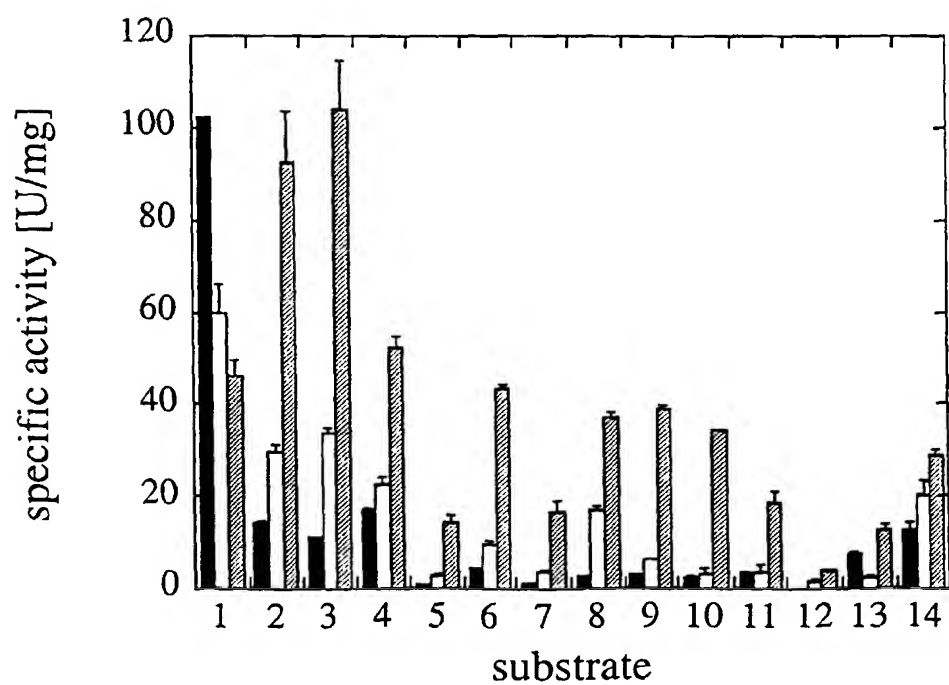
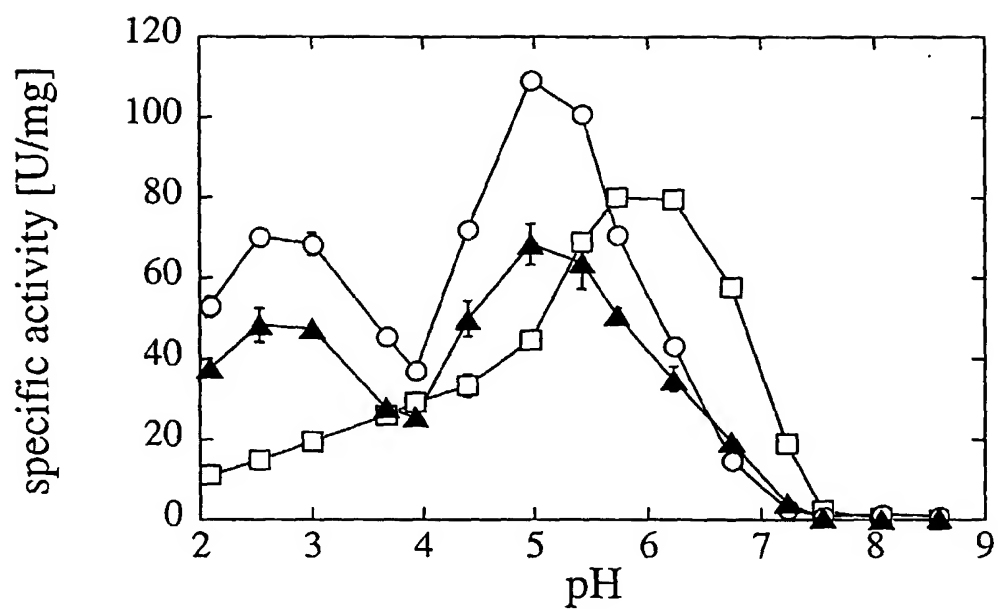


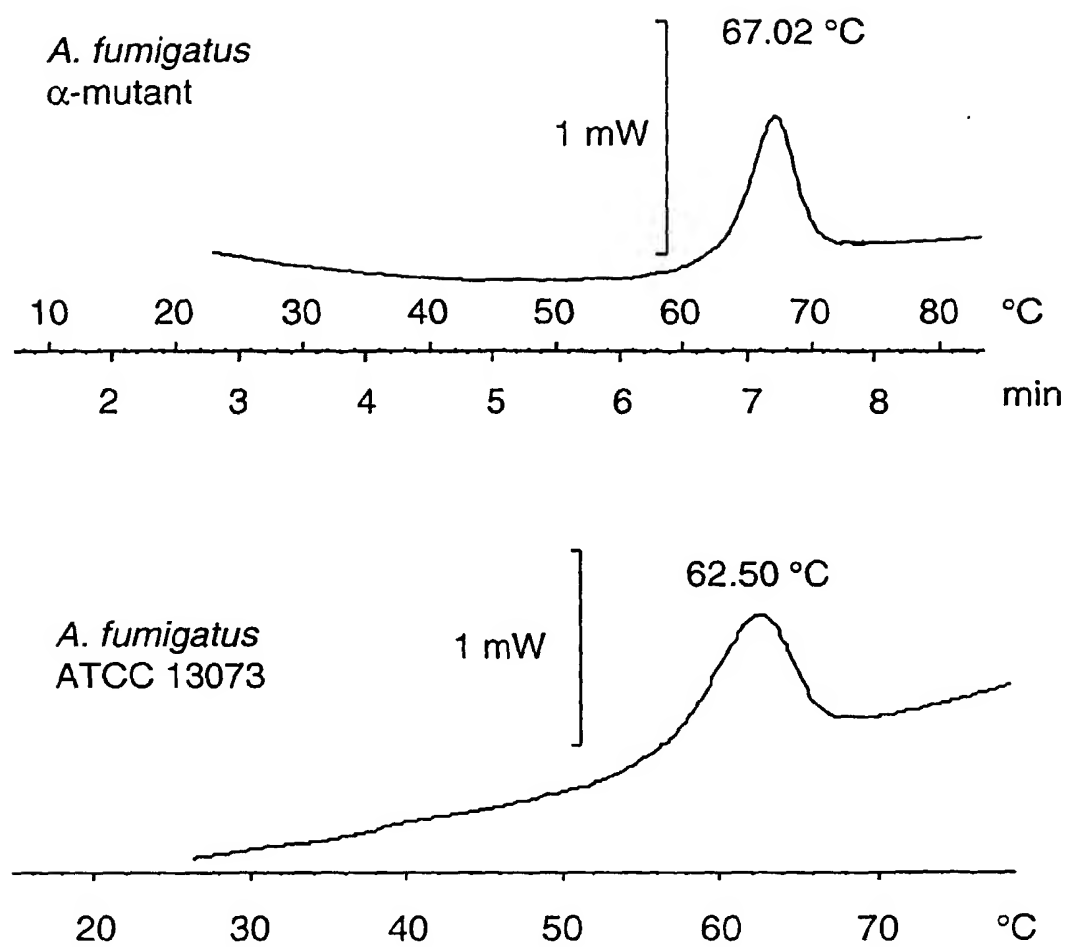
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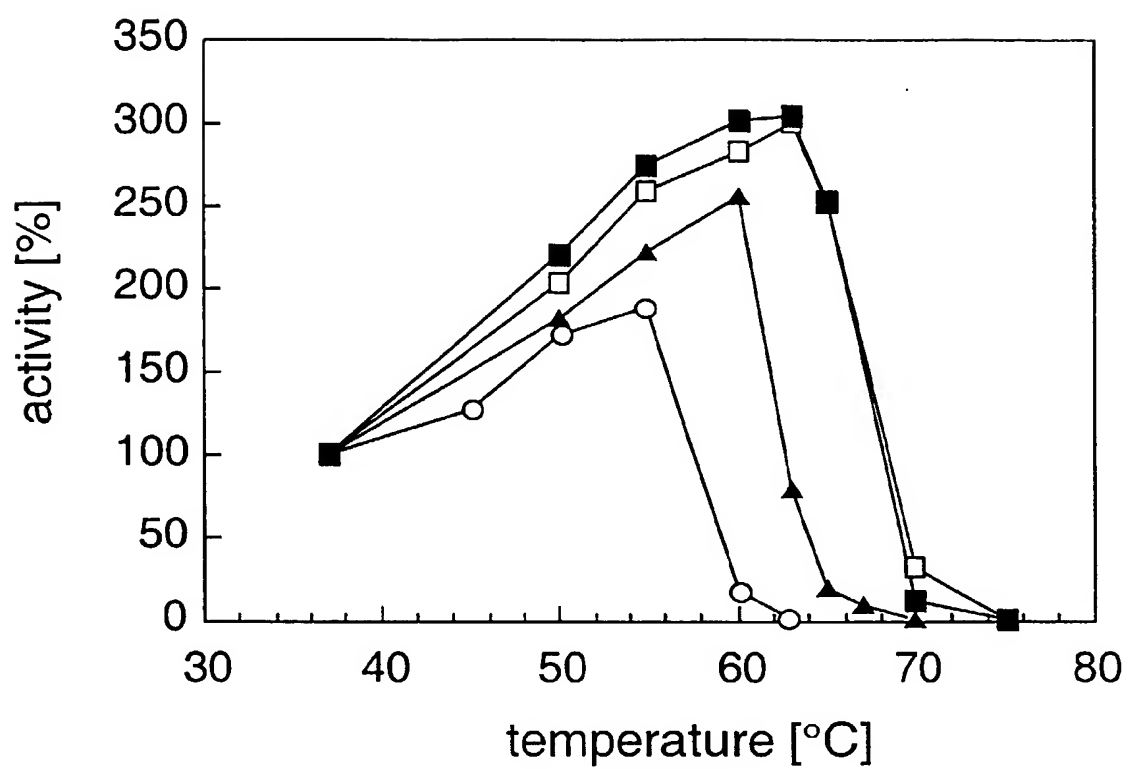


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